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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

12 CFR Part 1022

[Docket No. CFPB–2024–0023]

RIN 3170–AA54

Prohibition on Creditors and Consumer Reporting Agencies Concerning Medical Information (Regulation V)

Correction

In rule document 2024–30824, appearing on pages 3276–3374 in the issue of Tuesday, January 14, 2025, make the following correction:

On page 3276, in the first column, in the **DATES** section, “March 17, 2024” should read “March 17, 2025”.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 201 and 314

[Docket No. FDA–2021–N–0862]

RIN 0910–AH62

Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” the effective date of the final rule, entitled “Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use,” (ACNU) is delayed until March 21, 2025.

DATES: The effective date for the final rule published December 26, 2024, (89 FR 105288), is delayed until March 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking (87 FR 38313, June 28, 2022), all comments received, the final rule (89 FR 105288, December 26, 2024), and all background material may be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> using the docket number listed above. A copy of this document will be placed in the docket. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register’s website at <http://www.ofr.gov> and the Government Publishing Office’s website at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

II. Background

FDA published a final rule, titled “Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use,” in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2024 (89 FR 105288). That rule was published with an effective date of January 27, 2025. On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum titled, “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” With respect to rules that have been published in the **Federal Register**, but have not taken effect, the memorandum orders agencies consider postponing the rules’ effective dates for 60 days from the date of the memorandum (*i.e.*, until March 21, 2025) for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy the rules may raise.

In accordance with this direction, FDA has decided to delay the effective date of the final rule, “Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use” (89 FR 105288), until March 21, 2025. The final rule establishes requirements for a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU, including application, labeling, and postmarketing reporting

requirements. In addition to applicable existing application requirements, the final rule establishes the specific requirements for a new drug application (NDA) or abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) for a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU. In circumstances where a prescription drug product is already approved, the rule requires an applicant to submit a separate application for the approval of a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU, rather than a supplement to the existing application for the approved prescription drug product. The final rule establishes specific labeling requirements, including the content and format of specific labeling statements. Additionally, the rule requires that an applicant submit a postmarketing report of an ACNU failure. The final rule clarifies that an ACNU constitutes a meaningful difference between a prescription drug product and a nonprescription drug product that makes the nonprescription drug product safe and effective for use without the supervision of a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drug; therefore, a prescription drug product and a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU with the same active ingredient may be simultaneously marketed even if they do not have meaningful differences other than the ACNU, such as different indications or strengths. The final rule specifies that FDA will refuse to approve an application for a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU if the application fails to meet applicable requirements. The final rule exempts a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU from the requirement to be labeled with adequate directions for use, provided that certain labeling conditions are met and the ACNU is implemented by the applicant as approved by FDA. Finally, the final rule explains certain circumstances in which a nonprescription drug product with an ACNU would be misbranded.

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, it is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). Alternatively, FDA’s implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and (d)(3). Seeking public

comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in the effective date until March 21, 2025, is necessary to give Agency officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of the new regulation, consistent with the memorandum described previously. Given the imminence of the effective date and the brief length of the extension of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impracticable, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations.¹ FDA also believes that affected entities need to be informed as soon as possible of the extension and its length in order to plan and adjust their implementation process accordingly.

Dorothy A. Fink,
Acting Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Parts 111 and 211

New Mailing Standards for Hazardous Materials Outer Packaging and Nonregulated Toxic Materials

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail* (Pub 52 or Publication 52) by adding new section 131 to require specific outer packaging when mailing most hazardous materials (HAZMAT) or dangerous goods (DG), to remove quantity restrictions for nonregulated toxic materials, and to remove the telephone number requirement from the lithium battery mark.

DATES: Effective January 27, 2025. Applicable beginning January 19, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Kennedy, (202) 268-6592, or Jennifer Cox, (202) 268-2108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service amends Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail* (Pub 52 or Publication 52), with the provisions set forth herein. While not codified in title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Publication 52 is a regulation of the Postal Service,

and changes to it may be published in the **Federal Register**. 39 CFR 211.2(a)(2). Moreover, Publication 52 is incorporated by reference into *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) section 601.8.1, which is incorporated by reference, in turn, into the Code of Federal Regulations. 39 CFR 111.1 and 111.3. Publication 52 is publicly available, in a read-only format, via the Postal Explorer® website at <https://pe.usps.com>. In addition, links to Postal Explorer are provided on the landing page of *USPS.com*, the Postal Service's primary customer-facing website, and on *Postal Pro*, an online informational source available to postal customers.

Summary of New Measures

The Postal Service is the sole regulatory authority for the mail but aligns with regulations within 49 CFR in some instances. Per the regulations in 49 CFR 171.1(d)(7) the Postal Service is not subject to the regulations in the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR). Due to the increase of eCommerce shipping over the last several years, HAZMAT/Dangerous Goods (DG) incidents have increased significantly. Historic postal data from 2020 through 2022, showed a significant increase in HAZMAT/DG incidents, which prompted the Postal Service to implement new policies requiring mailers to present HAZMAT/DG separately from non-HAZMAT/DG and to include HAZMAT Service Type Codes (STC) and Extra Service Codes (ESC) when packages contain HAZMAT/DG. These requirements, at least in part, resulted in a 20% reduction of overall HAZMAT/DG incidents in 2023.

Except as otherwise specified below, the Postal Service will require mailers shipping HAZMAT or DG to utilize rigid outer packaging that meets a minimum edge crush test requirement of at least 32 or 200 lbs. burst test strength for packages weighing 20 pounds or less and at least 44 edge crush test or 275 lbs. burst test strength for packages weighing more than 20 pounds. By implementing these requirements, the capability of packages to withstand normal processing and handling from induction to delivery point will be increased, reducing the overall potential for HAZMAT or DG incidents.

Previously, the uses of padded and poly bags as outer packaging were permitted only when the mailpiece contained button cell batteries installed in the equipment/device they operate. This change will now allow mailers to use padded or poly bags as outer

packaging for shipments containing lithium batteries installed in the new or manufacturer refurbished equipment/device they operate when placed within a secondary container (*i.e.*, the manufacturer's box) that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test, and only if they do not display and are not required to display HAZMAT text, marks or labels as provided in sections 349.221a6, 622.51f, and 622.52g of Publication 52.

The Postal Service will remove quantity restrictions for nonregulated liquid and solid toxic materials, for products such as pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides in section 346.232 of Publication 52, but any such items must be contained within outer packaging meeting the requirements of section 131 of Publication 52.

Lastly, the Postal Service will align with Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) decision to remove the telephone number requirement from the lithium battery mark.¹ The Postal Service encourages mailers to switch to a mark that does not include a telephone number as soon as possible and be fully compliant by January 1, 2027.

This new rule reduces complexity and provides consistency for all customers. Therefore, the Postal Service believes this rule will provide a continued reduction in incidents and enhance the safety of our employees, our networks, and our transportation partners.

Response to Comments

In response to the proposed rule (88 FR 86868, December 15, 2023), the Postal Service received six formal responses to the proposed changes.

The comments received are as follows:

Comment: One commenter requested a 60-day extension to the public comment period.

Response: The Postal Service was unable to grant this request.

Comment: One commenter indicated they didn't believe outer packaging requirements should be based on the weight of hazardous materials, but instead on the total package weight and provided alternate language for new section 131.

Response: The Postal Service agrees with the alternate language and has incorporated it within new section 131.

Comment: One commenter indicated that the last sentence of proposed section 131 was very obtuse and may be misconstrued that it is applicable to

¹ In the event that this rule does not publish on or before January 27, 2025, good cause similarly exists to stay the effectiveness of the rule published December 26, 2024, and revise its effective date until March 21, 2025.

¹ See Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Hazardous Materials: Harmonization With International Standards, 89 FR 25434, 25490 (Apr. 10, 2024).

item b. The commenter suggested revisions to include a new item c. and updates to items a. and b. to incorporate the revision.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates the feedback and understands there may be room for improvement, therefore, proposed section 131 has been revised to clarify that the lithium battery related exception is not in reference to the previous item.

Comment: Two commenters supported the update to nonregulated toxic materials in section 346.232 of Publication 52 but suggested removing the reference to 49 CFR 172.101 (the Hazardous Materials Table) in the proposed Publication 52 revision.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates the supportive comment and recommendations regarding the reference to the 49 CFR hazardous materials table. Section 346.232 has been revised accordingly.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the entire package should be reviewed for strength not just the outer layer. This commenter further suggested that a lower minimum crush test requirement be considered for pieces weighing less than three ounces.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates this feedback. To prevent additional complexities to the regulations, the Postal Service is moving forward with the originally proposed outer package strength requirements. Mailers who believe their packaging configuration meets the necessary strength requirements may request consideration for use of such packaging in writing to the Postal Service's Director, Product Classification.

Comment: Two commenters believed that setting minimum strength requirements for strong outer packaging goes beyond the requirements of the HMR and far exceeds what is necessary. In doing so, the Postal Service will increase costs to its customers and will hurt sustainability efforts.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates the feedback regarding the outer packaging strength requirements. However, the Postal Service believes this change is necessary to establish clear parameters for all customers, not just those customers who are well versed and trained in hazardous material shipping requirements. In the past, customers have expressed confusion when the word, "rigid" was used for outer packaging requirements. This term is open to interpretation and, for instance, some customers believe that card stock or clay-coated paper is rigid and would be sufficient as outer packaging. By clarifying and specifying

the requirements, all Postal Service customers will have a clear understanding of the requirements. Many manufacturers are already constructing packaging that meets or exceeds the new outer packaging requirements, contributing to sustainability.

Comment: Two commenters suggested the Postal Service share aggregate reports of incidents, including the type of packaging utilized, and conduct stakeholder meetings to discuss incidents to inform the public of the challenges the Postal Service is facing during normal handling of hazardous materials.

Response: Aggregate incident report data has been shared in the Summary of New Measures. However, the report does not include the type of packaging utilized. Currently, the Postal Service contacts customers regarding incidents and routinely consults with them until their packaging meets current requirements. The Postal Service appreciates the suggestion to consult with the public and will consider this in future endeavors.

Comment: One commenter indicated that while they support the removal of quantity restrictions for nonregulated toxic materials, it is inappropriate to subject these products which do not meet the classification of hazardous materials to the same standards as those that do.

Response: The Postal Service has unique challenges due to the nature of its business and implements rules to address such challenges. The purpose of requiring the same outer packaging for nonregulated toxic materials as for regulated hazardous materials is due to the significant incidents some of these products have caused during postal handling. However, these products are not being subjected to the same standards as Division 6.1 hazardous materials quantity restrictions, secondary packaging, leakproof or cushioning requirements that these products were subject to prior to this rule.

Comment: Two commenters requested that if the Postal Service were to move forward with the proposed amendments, it should allow a minimum of one year before the changes go into effect in order to educate the downstream distribution channels on finalized requirements.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates this feedback. With more than 500,000 employees and more than 31,000 facilities nationwide, the Postal Service understands and shares the same challenges related to educational

efforts. However, the Postal Service cannot delay implementation.

Comment: Two commenters indicated that setting minimum burst strength or edge crush test requirements by weight will introduce complexity in the supply chain and ultimately lead to confusion and noncompliance.

Response: As indicated in a previous response, the Postal Service believes setting these clear, simplistic parameters will reduce complexity and in fact provides clarity as the previous use of "rigid" requirements proved to be an area of confusion that was left open for interpretation.

Comment: One commenter indicated that requiring minimum burst test or edge crush test exceeds HMR and air requirements for limited quantities. Air requirements for limited quantities are more stringent and require limited quantities to be capable of a 1.2-meter drop test and 24 hours stack test. Limited quantity packages are limited to 30kgs/66lbs. gross weight by all modes of transport. The necessity to require minimum burst or edge crush test requirements is not evident and the proposal provides no justification.

Response: Although the Postal Service largely only accepts hazardous materials that are classified as limited quantities, there are other mailable hazardous materials that do not qualify as limited quantities. Allowing limited quantities to be exempt from the outer packaging requirement would create more complexity than the more simplistic approach taken as each material would have specific requirements.

Comment: One commenter indicated that large manufacturers and distributors will be unable to comply with the requirement to have different burst or edge crush tests. This is because many hazardous materials entering postal networks are part of a multimodal distribution model which must be prepared in accordance with 49 CFR, and once introduced within the postal network must comply with Pub 52.

Response: Large manufacturers and distributors should be well versed in handling complexities when they are preparing hazardous materials for transport as each mode of transport (e.g., air, rail, ground, vessel) has its own requirements. The Postal Service is self-regulated, and our regulations must be unique since most customers are not hazardous materials professionals.

Comment: One commenter indicated that UN3841, Lithium-Ion batteries contained in equipment being shipped to military destinations from a larger distribution company to a postal induction site must be marked when there are more than two packages in the

consignment for this type of movement per Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, which conflicts with Pub 52. The commenter further requested the ability to mark these packages to military destinations with the lithium battery mark.

Response: The Postal Service realizes the challenges larger distribution companies face regarding the mode of transportation when shipping lithium batteries contained in the equipment/device to military destinations. As indicated previously, the Postal Service is self-regulated. Military mail sent overseas receives the benefit of domestic mail pricing through associated products, however the contents are required to adhere to international rules. As an example, domestically the lithium battery mark is permitted for eligible items containing lithium batteries, whereas internationally the use of a lithium battery mark is prohibited. Therefore, these packages must not display the lithium battery mark, or they will be rejected.

Comment: One commenter stated that allowing the use of padded or poly bags as outer packaging for lithium batteries contained in equipment is not viable because it would cover the necessary lithium battery mark in accordance with 49 CFR and would be considered an overpack according to 49 CFR.

Response: The commenter may misunderstand the intent of the padded or poly bag outer packaging. The allowance for the padded or poly bag as outer packaging in the proposed rule specifically stated “. . . the Postal Service proposes to allow mailers to use padded or poly bags as outer packaging for shipments containing lithium batteries installed in the equipment, they operate *that are not required to display and do not display hazardous text, marks or labels*” The purpose of this allowance is specifically for international mail, including our deployed military personnel, as manufacturer boxes often provide a detailed description of the contents and that there are batteries within the package. The policy for mailing lithium batteries to these destinations states there cannot be any marks or labels indicating the contents are lithium batteries. Often, such manufacturer boxes are intercepted at our international service centers and returned to the mailer.

Comment: One commenter indicated that proposing a more rigid standard than required by 49 CFR for road or rail transport or as required by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) would further the inconsistency between the HMR and Pub 52. They

further indicated that training employees to comply with different requirements and determine the transport mode for products is unrealistic and cost prohibitive and would render the Postal Service impractical in the distribution chain.

Response: With more than 500,000 employees and more than 31,000 facilities nationwide, the Postal Service understands and shares the challenges that training employees brings to an organization. The broad Postal Service customer base requires the Postal Service to accommodate everyone regardless of their level of HAZMAT/DG understanding. The outer packaging change is necessary to provide clarity about HAZMAT packaging requirements, which ultimately increases the level of safety for everyone.

Comment: One commenter stated that packaging and marking/labeling of products classified as hazardous materials are determined at the time of packaging and preparation for retail sales and at that point shippers do not know the destination address or movement type for these products. An application of multiple different packaging requirements is impossible and there is simply no way to comply with multiple standards and requirements for the same product based upon the final distribution method. This commenter urges the Postal Service to consider the impact to the industry in adopting these requirements and apply a more holistic approach to further harmonize with the HMR. The commenter estimated annual training cost of \$6,480,000 per year to comply with these various requirements.

Response: As previously stated, the Postal Service understands and shares the same challenges related to training employees within large organizations. The broad Postal Service customer base requires it to accommodate everyone regardless of their level of HAZMAT/DG understanding.

Comment: One commenter opposed allowing the use of poly or padded mailers as outer packaging for lithium batteries contained in equipment due to the challenge of training employees to differentiate between overpacks and covering items with poly mailers without identifying them as hazardous materials. Since the Postal Service doesn't recognize overpacks, employees trained in the HMR would have confusion with applying requirements for overpacks when transported under the HMR versus within postal networks under Pub 52.

Response: The poly/padded mailer exception is not intended for use on packages that must display a lithium battery mark or label. Doing so would be considered purposely not declaring these items as hazardous material and could lead to civil penalties.

Comment: One commenter questioned the Postal Service's decision to include the drop test height of 1.7 meters. Hazardous materials mailed under Pub 52 can only be mailed in limited quantities and the HMR does not require testing on packages for limited quantities, it requires strong outer packaging. For air transport, section 2.7.6.1 of IATA's Dangerous Goods Regulations requires a limited quantity packaging to be capable of withstanding a 1.2-meter drop test. In 49 CFR 173.185(c)(2), the drop test is not applicable to lithium batteries contained in equipment and states that they must be packaged in strong, rigid outer packaging “unless the cell or battery is afforded equivalent protection by the equipment in which it is contained.”

Response: The Postal Service originally included the 1.7-meter drop test height requirement due to the highly mechanized environment within the postal network. After careful consideration of the comments and continuing efforts to protect our air transportation networks, the Postal Service has decided to change the drop test requirement to 1.2-meters.

Comment: One commenter stated that setting minimum burst test or ECT requirements for outer packaging may appear to be a simple solution to ensure safe transport of HAZMAT but setting the minimum at 200 lb. burst test or 32-edge crust test for packages weighing 20 pounds or less and 275 lb. burst test or 44-edge crust test for packages weighing more than 20 pounds far exceeds what is necessary. These proposed minimum requirements will increase costs to Postal Service customers looking to transport good and impact sustainability efforts for companies trying to minimize the use of packaging materials.

Response: As previously indicated, the increase in eCommerce shipping has led to increased HAZMAT/DG shipping, which led to increased HAZMAT/DG incidents in the mail. The Postal Service is not a manufacturer of shipping/packaging containers or in the business of testing them. It is our hope that our customers would appreciate our commitment to safety and understand our reasons for taking a more simplistic approach to the outer packaging requirements for HAZMAT/DG. Lastly, the Postal Service is committed to sustainability, the requirement is for the strength of the box. There are no

prohibitions against mailers using sustainable outer packaging if it meets the applicable strength requirements.

Comment: One commenter believes the packaging proposed in this new section can be readily met by those who ship hazardous materials through the Postal Service's network, and that the required packaging is available from packaging suppliers and would help ensure the safety of these hazardous materials.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates the support and agrees the packaging proposed will increase the level of safety for handling and transporting hazardous materials packages and it is easy to obtain.

Comment: One commenter indicated that Pub 52, section 349.221(a)(5)(c), requires the inclusion of a telephone number and indicated that the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals adopted changes to the UN Model Regulations that removes the telephone number requirement as part of the lithium battery mark. The commenter recommended that the Postal Service also remove the telephone number requirement for the lithium battery mark from its regulations to maintain harmonization with both international and domestic regulations.

Response: The Postal Service appreciates this input and is making the necessary changes within Pub 52 to align with this global change by removing the telephone number

requirement from the lithium battery marking.

Kevin Rayburn,
Attorney, Ethics & Legal Compliance.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, incorporated by reference into *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) section 601.8.1, which is further incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. 39 CFR 111.1 and 111.3. Publication 52 is also a regulation of the Postal Service, changes to which may be published in the **Federal Register**. 39 CFR 211.2(a). Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble, the Postal Service amends Publication 52 as follows:

Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted and Perishable Mail

1 Introduction

13 Additional Information

[Add new section 131 to read as follows:]

131 Hazardous Materials Outer Packaging

Except as otherwise specified, rigid outer packaging must be used for shipments containing hazardous materials. Outer packaging, as defined in Appendix D, is the outer most enclosure that holds the primary receptacle, and if applicable, secondary container/packaging, absorbent and/or cushioning material.

When shipping hazardous materials, the following outer packaging is required:

- (a) Mailpieces containing hazardous materials weighing 20 pounds or less

(except for item c.), must use outer packaging rated at 200 lb. burst test or 32-edge crush test strength or equivalent, at minimum.

(b) Mailpieces containing hazardous materials weighing more than 20 pounds (except for item c.), must use outer packaging rated at 275 lb. burst test or 44-edge crush test strength or equivalent, at minimum.

(c) Lithium batteries installed in the equipment/device they operate that are permitted to be mailed under sections 349 and 622 may utilize padded or poly bags as outer packaging, provided they are within a secondary container (*i.e.*, original manufacturer's box) that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test before being placed inside the padded or poly bag. These items must meet the following requirements:

1. The equipment/device must be new, or manufacturer refurbished.
2. The lithium batteries are afforded adequate protection by the equipment/device.
3. The outer packaging does not display, and is not required to display hazardous text, markings or labels as permitted in 349.221a6, 622.51f and 622.52g.

Note: USPS-Produced packaging must not be utilized for shipping mailable hazardous materials. See DMM 601.6.1.

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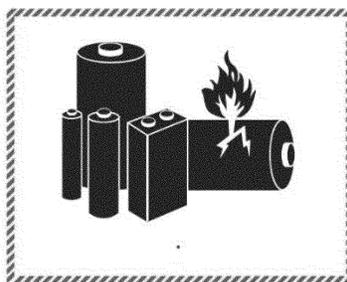
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32 General

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325.3 Mailable Warning Labels

[Replace lithium battery mark with the following image in Exhibit 325.3a]



346.232 Other Nonregulated Toxic Materials

[Revise paragraph to read as follows:]
Liquids and solids such as pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, and irritating material (346.11e), that do not meet the classification criteria of a hazardous material under 49 CFR 172.101 with an

oral LD₅₀ value greater than 300 mg/kg are mailable but must be packaged in rigid outer packaging (see 131) and be able to withstand normal transit and handling. Liquids must also follow the conditions provided in 451.3a.

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34 Mailability by Hazard Class

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346 Toxic Substances and Infectious Substances (Hazard Class 6)

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349 Miscellaneous Hazardous Materials (Hazard Class 9)

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[Insert new 349.221 to read as follows:]

349.221 Lithium Batteries

a. General. The following applies to the mailability of all lithium batteries:

1. Each cell or battery must meet the requirements of each test in the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, part III, and subsection 38.3 as referenced in 49 CFR 171.7.

2. Lithium battery outer packaging must be rigid (see 131), sealed and of adequate size.

3. The use of padded or poly bags as outer packaging is permitted only when:

a. Mailpieces contain lithium batteries properly installed in the equipment/device they intend to operate.

b. The equipment/device must be new or manufacturer refurbished.

c. The batteries are afforded adequate protection by the equipment/device, and

d. The secondary container (e.g., original manufacturer box), containing the equipment or device prevents damage and accidental activation, can retain the device without puncture of the packaging under normal conditions of transport and can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test. Button cell batteries, meeting the classification criteria in 349.11d, installed in the device they operate are not required to be within a secondary container that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test prior to utilizing a padded or poly bag as outer packaging.

e. The outer package containing batteries does not display, and is not required to display hazardous materials text, marks, or labels.

4. All outer packages must have a complete delivery and return address.

5. Lithium battery marks are required on mailpieces containing 5 to 8 lithium cells installed in the equipment/device they operate.

a. The marks must be applied to the address side without being folded or applied in such a manner that parts of the mark appear on different sides of the mailpiece. See 325.1.

b. The mark must be a DOT-approved lithium battery mark, as specified in 49 CFR 173.183(c)(3)(i) and Exhibit 325.2a.

c. Lithium metal cells or batteries must be marked with UN3090.

d. Lithium metal cells or batteries installed in or packed with the equipment/device they intend to operate must indicate UN3091.

e. Lithium-ion cells or batteries must be marked UN3480.

f. Lithium-ion cells or batteries installed in or packed with the

equipment/device they intend to operate must indicate UN3481.

6. Lithium battery marks are not required on packages:

a. Containing only lithium button cell batteries installed in the equipment/device they operate; or

b. Containing no more than 4 lithium cells or 2 lithium batteries installed in the equipment/device they operate.

7. All used, damaged, or defective electronic devices with lithium cells or batteries contained in or packed with device (excluding electronic devices that are new in original packaging, and manufacturer-certified new or refurbished devices) must be marked with the text “Restricted Electronic Device” and “Surface Transportation Only” on the address side of the mailpiece.

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[Renumber existing section 349.221 to 349.222]

349.222 Lithium Metal (Nonrechargeable) Cells and Batteries—Domestic

[Revise item a. as follows:]

a. General. The following restrictions apply to the mailability of all lithium metal (or lithium alloy) cells and batteries:

1. Each cell must contain no more than 1.0 gram (g) of lithium content per cell.

2. Each battery must contain no more than 2.0 g aggregate lithium content per battery.

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[Renumber existing section 349.222 to 349.223]

349.223 Lithium-Ion (Rechargeable) Cells and Batteries—Domestic

[Revise item a. as follows:]

a. General. The following additional restrictions apply to the mailability of all secondary lithium-ion or lithium polymer cells and batteries:

1. The watt-hour rating must not exceed 20 Wh per cell.

2. The watt-hour rating must not exceed 100 Wh per battery.

3. Each battery must bear the “Watt-hour” or “Wh” marking on the battery to determine if it is within the limits defined in items 1 and 2.

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621 General Requirements

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[Insert new section 621.2 and renumber existing 621.2 through 621.4 as 621.3 through 621.5]

621.2 Outer Packaging Requirements

Except as otherwise specified, rigid outer packaging must be used for shipments containing dangerous goods following the instructions in 131.

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Appendix C
USPS Packaging Instruction 9D

[Revise third bullet in the Required Packaging section to read as follows:]

Required Packaging

Lithium Metal and Lithium-Ion Batteries

■ Lithium batteries permitted to be mailed under section 349, that are installed in the device they operate, are afforded adequate protection by that equipment/device, and do not display hazardous text, markings or labels as permitted in 349.221a6, 622.51f and 622.52g may utilize padded and poly bags as outer packaging provided the device is within a secondary container (i.e., original manufacturer’s box) that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test. Button cell batteries, meeting the classification criteria in 349.11d, installed in the device they operate are not required to be within a secondary container that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test prior to utilizing a padded or poly bag as outer packaging.

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Markings

[Delete item 4., renumber existing number 5 to number 4 in section:]

■ Lithium metal batteries properly installed in the equipment they are intended to operate: * * *

[Delete item 3. And renumber item 4. To 3. In section:]

■ Lithium metal batteries packed with the equipment/device they are intended to operate: * * *

[Delete item 3. And renumber item 4. To 3. In section:]

■ Lithium metal batteries not packed with or installed in equipment/device (individual batteries): * * *

[Delete item 3. And renumber item 4. To 3. In section:]

■ Lithium-ion batteries properly installed in the equipment/device they are intended to operate: * * *

[Delete item 4. And renumber item 5. To 4. In section:]

■ Lithium-ion batteries packed with the equipment/device they are intended to operate: * * *

[Delete item 3. And renumber item 4. To 3. In section:]

■ Lithium-ion batteries not packed with or installed in equipment/device (individual batteries): * * *

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USPS Packaging Instruction 9E

[Insert new second bullet in the Required Packaging section to read as follows:]

Required Packaging**Lithium Metal and Lithium-Ion Batteries**

■ Lithium batteries installed in the device they operate, that are permitted to be mailed under section 622.5, may utilize padded and poly bags as outer packaging provided the device is within a secondary container (*i.e.*, original manufacturer's box) that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test. Button cell batteries, meeting the classification criteria in 349.11d, installed in the device they operate are not required to be within a secondary container that can withstand a 1.2-meter drop test prior to utilizing a padded or poly bag as outer packaging.

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Appendix D**Hazardous Materials Definitions**

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[Revise definition of Rigid to read as follows:]

Rigid means unable to bend or be forced out of shape; not flexible. Rigid outer packaging is generally interpreted to mean a fiberboard (cardboard) box or outer packaging of equivalent strength, durability, and rigidity. See 131.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Part 571**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2023-0021]

RIN 2127-AM37

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Automatic Emergency Braking Systems for Light Vehicles

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

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document delays the effective date of the November 26, 2024 final rule partially granting petitions for reconsideration of a May 9, 2024 final rule that adopted Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 127, "Automatic Emergency Braking for Light Vehicles," which requires automatic emergency braking (AEB), pedestrian automatic emergency braking (PAEB), and forward collision warning (FCW) systems on all new light vehicles.

DATES: The effective date of the rule amending 49 CFR 571.127 published on November 26, 2024 is delayed until March 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence related to this rule should refer to the docket number set forth above (NHTSA-2023-0021) and be submitted to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical issues: Mr. Markus Price, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, Telephone: (202) 366-1810, Facsimile: (202) 366-7002.

For legal issues: Mr. Eli Wachtel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Telephone: (202) 366-2992, Facsimile: (202) 366-3820. The mailing address for these officials is: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President to executive departments and agencies, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,"¹ this action temporarily delays the effective date of the rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Automatic Emergency Braking Systems for Light Vehicles," published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2024, at 89 FR 93199.²

¹ Available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/regulatory-freeze-pending-review/> (last accessed Jan. 22, 2025)

² On Dec. 11, 2024, a correction notice was published which corrected a typographical error in the amendatory instruction. This notice did not change the effective date of the rule. 89 FR 99732.

That rule made clarifying changes to the regulatory text of FMVSS No. 127 in response to petitions for reconsideration of the rule published May 9, 2024 titled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Automatic Emergency Braking Systems for Light Vehicles" filed by the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (the Alliance), Toyota Motor North America, Volkswagen Group of America, and Scuderia Cameron Glickenhaus, LLC, as well as a petition, treated by NHTSA as a petition for rulemaking, from Autotalks. It also denied several changes requested by petitioners.

This action is exempt from notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553 and is effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), respectively. Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the President's memorandum of January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.5.

Peter Simshauser,
Chief Counsel.

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments regarding this information collection received by February 26, 2025 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Patent License Application.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0003.

Summary of Collection: Public Law 96–517, HR 209 (Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000), and 37 CFR part 404 requires Federal agencies to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from federally supported research and provide the authority to grant patent licenses. 37 CFR 404.8 specifies the information which must be submitted by a patent license applicant to the Federal agency having custody of a patent. Form ADS–761 collects the information specified under 37 CFR 404.8.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will collect identifying information on the applicant, identifying information for the business, and a detailed description for development and/or marketing of the invention using form AD–761. The collected information is used by the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) to evaluate a patent license applicant's ability to bring an invention to practical application, as defined in 37 CFR 404.3. The information collected is used to determine whether the applicant has both a complete and sufficient plan for developing and marketing the invention and the necessary manufacturing, marketing, technical, and financial resources to carry out the submitted plan.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 225.

Agricultural Research Service

Title: Information Collection for Document Delivery Services.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0027.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Library (NAL) accepts requests from libraries and other organizations in accordance with the national and international interlibrary loan code and guidelines. In its national role, NAL collects, and supplies copies or loans of agricultural materials not found elsewhere. 7 U.S.C. 3125a and 7

CFR 505 gives NAL the authority to collect this information. NAL provides photocopies and loans of materials directly to USDA staff, other Federal agencies, libraries, and other institutions, and indirectly to the public through their libraries. The Library charges for some of these activities through a fee schedule. To fill a request for reproduction or loan of items the library must have the name, mailing address, phone number of the respondent initiating the request, and may require an email address. The respondent must also provide a brief statement acknowledging copyright compliance, required by Title 17 of the United States Code. The collected information is used to deliver the material to the respondent, monitor the return to NAL of loaned material, and identify and locate the requested material in NAL collections.

Need and Use of the Information: This information collection is used by NAL document delivery staff to identify the protocol for processing the request. The information collected is used by staff to process/package the reproduction or loan for delivery. The collected information may also be used for any additional follow-up or clarification in replying to a request. Collected information for copy requests is entered into a delivery system used to automate the delivery of material to the respondent. The copyright compliance statement is used for assurance of compliance with the copyright laws and is retained in the library for three years as required by the above copyright law. All collected information is confidential and only used by staff that need to process the request. Information stored in databases is maintained on NAL's secure network and may be password protected. Additionally, databases are routinely updated to maintain only needed records/information.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 196.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 28.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Rescission of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

SUMMARY: Based upon the timely withdrawal of all review requests, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative reviews covering the periods of review (PORs) of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders identified in the table below.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Brown, AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4735.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i),¹ based upon timely requests for review, Commerce initiated administrative reviews of certain companies for the PORs and the AD and CVD orders listed in the table below. All requests for these reviews have been timely withdrawn.²

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested the review withdraw their review requests within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation for the requested review. All parties withdrew their requests for the reviews listed in the table below within the 90-day deadline. No other parties requested administrative reviews of these AD/CVD orders for the PORs noted in the table. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), Commerce is rescinding, in their entirety, the administrative reviews listed in the table below.

	Period of review
AD Proceedings	
Canada: Utility Scale Wind Towers, A-122-867	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
India: Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes, A-533-502	5/1/2023-4/30/2024
Italy:	
Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet, A-475-842	4/1/2023-3/31/2024
PC Strand, A-475-843	6/1/2023-5/31/2024
Japan: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils, A-588-845	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Republic of Korea:	
Diocetyl Terephthalate, A-580-889	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils, A-580-834	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Socialist Republic of Vietnam:	
Certain Steel Nails, A-552-818	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube, A-552-831	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
Mattresses from Vietnam, A-552-827	5/1/2023-4/30/2024
Spain: Utility Scale Wind Towers, A-469-823	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
Republic of Türkiye:	
Certain Pasta, A-489-805	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-489-816	9/1/2023-8/31/2024
Switzerland: Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing, A-441-801	6/1/2023-5/31/2024
The People's Republic of China:	
Certain Collated Steel Staples, A-570-112	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Certain Metal Lockers and Parts Thereof, A-570-133	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products, A-570-026	7/1/2023-6/31/2024
Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof, A-570-900	11/1/2023-10/31/2024
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags, A-570-886	8/1/2023-7/31/2024
Pure Magnesium, A-570-832	5/1/2023-4/30/2024
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents, A-570-972	5/1/2023-4/30/2024
Ukraine: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, A-823-817	6/1/2023-5/31/2024
CVD Proceedings	
Canada: Utility Scale Wind Towers, C-122-868	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
India:	
Oil Country Tubular Goods, C-533-858	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe, C-533-868	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Republic of Korea: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils, C-580-835	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
The People's Republic of China:	
Certain Collated Steel Staples, C-570-113	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Certain Metal Lockers and Parts Thereof, C-570-134	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products, C-570-027	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Certain Steel Racks and Parts Thereof, C-570-089	1/1/2023-12/31/2023
Malaysia: Utility Scale Wind Towers, C-557-822	1/1/2023-12/31/2023

¹ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 49844 (June 12, 2023); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 55567 (July 5, 2024); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 60871 (July 29, 2024); *Initiation of Antidumping and*

Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 89 FR 66035 (August 14, 2024); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 77079 (September 20, 2024); *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 89 FR 83644 (October 17, 2024); and *Initiation of Antidumping and*

Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 89 FR 102856 (December 18, 2024).

² The letters withdrawing the review requests may be found in Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>.

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping and/or countervailing duties on all appropriate entries during the PORs noted above for each of the listed administrative reviews at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping or countervailing duties, as applicable, required at the time of entry, or withdrawal of merchandise from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR

351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the **Federal Register** for rescinded administrative reviews of AD/CVD orders on countries other than Canada and Mexico. For rescinded administrative reviews of AD/CVD orders on Canada or Mexico, Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 41 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the **Federal Register**.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as the only reminder to importers of merchandise subject to AD orders of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during the POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in these segments of these proceedings. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

[FR Doc. 2025–01750 Filed 1–24–25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–427–830; A–433–813]

Strontium Chromate From Austria and France: Final Results of the First Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of these expedited sunset reviews, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on strontium chromate from Austria and France would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping at the dumping margins identified in the “Final Results of Sunset Reviews” section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Martin, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 27, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD orders on strontium chromate from Austria and France.¹ On October 1, 2024, Commerce published the *Initiation Notice* of the first sunset reviews of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On October 11, 2024, Commerce received notices of intent to participate in these reviews from Lumimove Inc. d/b/a WPC Technologies (the domestic interested party), filed in proper form, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1).³ The domestic interested

¹ See *Strontium Chromate from Austria and France: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 84 FR 65349 (November 27, 2019) (*Orders*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 79892 (October 1, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

³ See Domestic Interested Party’s Letters, “Strontium Chromate from Austria: Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review, dated October 11, 2024;” and “Strontium Chromate from France: Notice of Intent to Participate in Sunset Review,” dated October 11, 2024 (Notice of Intent Letters).

party claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a manufacturer in the United States of the domestic like product.⁴ On October 31, 2024, Commerce received complete substantive responses from the domestic interested party within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁵ We received no substantive responses from respondent interested parties.

On December 2, 2024, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive substantive responses from any respondent interested parties.⁶ As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted expedited (120-day) sunset reviews of the *Orders*.

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these *Orders* are strontium chromate from Austria and France. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see the Issues and Decision.⁷

Analysis of Comments Received

A complete discussion of all issues raised in these sunset reviews is contained in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁸ A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be directly accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

⁴ See Notice of Intent Letters.

⁵ See Domestic Interested Party’s Letters, “Strontium Chromate from Austria: Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review of the Antidumping Order,” dated October 31, 2024; and “Strontium Chromate from France: Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Review of the Antidumping Order,” dated October 31, 2024.

⁶ See Commerce’s Letter, “Sunset Reviews Initiated on October 1, 2024,” dated December 2, 2024.

⁷ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Strontium Chromate from Austria and France,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁸ *Id.*

Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and that the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be weighed-average dumping margins up to 25.90 percent for Austria and 32.16 percent for France.⁹

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to interested parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return/destruction or conversion to judicial protective order of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–095, C–570–096]

Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People’s Republic of China: Final Negative Scope Ruling and Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention With Respect to the Republic of Korea

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of aluminum wire and cable (AWC) completed in the Republic of Korea (Korea) using certain AWC inputs manufactured in the People’s Republic of China (China) are not covered by the scope of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on AWC from China. Commerce further determines that AWC completed in Korea using certain AWC inputs manufactured in China are circumventing the AD and CVD orders on AWC from China.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trinity Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 7, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its *Preliminary Determinations* that imports of AWC completed in Korea using certain AWC inputs manufactured in China are not covered by the scope of the AD and CVD *Orders* on AWC from China and that imports of AWC completed in Korea using certain AWC inputs are circumventing *Orders*.¹ Pursuant to section 781(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), on August 13, 2024, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission

¹ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Negative Scope Determinations with Respect to Cambodia, Korea, and Vietnam; Preliminary Affirmative Determinations of Circumvention with Respect to Korea and Vietnam; Preliminary Negative Determination of Circumvention with Respect to Cambodia*, 89 FR 64406 (August 7, 2024) (*Preliminary Determinations*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM); see also *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 70496 (December 23, 2019) (*Orders*).

(ITC) of its preliminary affirmative determination of circumvention with respect to Korea.² The ITC did not request consultations with Commerce. Between September 16 and 19, 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the questionnaire responses submitted by Pusan Cables & Engineering Co., Ltd. (Pusan).³

On November 19, 2024, Gaon Cable Co., Ltd (Gaon Cable); Daewon Cable Co., Ltd. (Daewon Cable); Dong Il Electric Wire Co., Ltd. (Dong Il); and the domestic party Southwire Company LLC (Southwire) submitted case briefs.⁴ On November 26, 2024, Southwire and Pusan submitted rebuttal briefs.⁵ On December 12, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the final results of this circumvention and scope inquiry until January 8, 2025.⁶ On January 6, 2025, Commerce further extended the deadline for the final results of this circumvention and scope inquiry until January 17, 2025.⁷

For a summary of events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determinations*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for consideration in the final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁸

² See Commerce’s Letter, “Notification of Affirmative and Negative Preliminary Determinations of Circumvention,” dated August 13, 2024.

³ See Memorandum, “Verification of the Responses of Pusan Cables & Engineering Co. Ltd. in the Circumvention and Scope Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order on Aluminum Wire and Cable from People’s Republic of China,” dated November 12, 2024.

⁴ See Gaon Cable’s Letter, “Case Brief of Gaon Cable Co., Ltd.,” dated November 19, 2024; Daewon’s Letter, “Case Brief of Daewon Cable Co., Ltd.,” dated November 19, 2024; Dong Il’s Letter, “Case Brief of Dong Il Electric Wire Co., Ltd.,” dated November 19, 2024; and Southwire’s Letter, “Case Brief,” dated November 19, 2024.

⁵ See Southwire’s Letter, “Rebuttal Case Brief regarding Gaon Cable Co., Ltd.,” dated November 26, 2024; Southwire’s Letter, “Rebuttal Case Brief regarding Daewon Cable Co., Ltd.,” dated November 26, 2024; and Pusan’s Letter, “Pusan Rebuttal to Southwire Brief on Verification,” dated November 26, 2024.

⁶ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations in Circumvention Inquiries Pertaining to Korea and Vietnam,” dated December 12, 2024; see also Memorandum “Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations in Scope Inquiries Pertaining to Korea and Vietnam,” dated December 12, 2024.

⁷ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations in Circumvention Inquiries Pertaining to Korea and Vietnam,” dated January 6, 2025; see also Memorandum “Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations in Scope Inquiries Pertaining to Korea and Vietnam,” dated January 6, 2025.

⁸ See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People’s Republic of China with Respect to the Republic of Korea,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice.

⁹ See *Orders*.

The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Orders⁹

The product covered by the scope of the *Orders* is AWC from China. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see Appendix I of this notice.

Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Circumvention Inquiries

These inquiries cover AWC assembled or completed in Korea using Chinese-origin AWC inputs (e.g., stranded wire and cables or unfinished AWC) that is subsequently exported from Korea to the United States (inquiry merchandise). These inquiries cover exports of AWC from Korea that are assembled or completed using inputs of Chinese origin which undergo further processing in Korea. For a full description of the merchandise subject to these scope and circumvention inquiries, see Appendix II of this notice.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this inquiry are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised is attached to this notice as Appendix III. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we made no changes to the *Preliminary Determinations*.

Methodology and Final Scope Ruling

Commerce conducted this scope inquiry in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(k)(1), and it made no changes to its methodology for this final scope ruling. Specifically, as discussed in the *Preliminary Determinations*, Commerce finds that AWC produced in Korea using Chinese-origin inputs that does not satisfy the physical description of the scope of the *Orders* is not subject to the *Orders*.¹⁰

Methodology and Final Circumvention Determination

Commerce conducted this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19

CFR 351.226. Commerce made no changes to its methodology for this final circumvention determination. Specifically, as discussed in the *Preliminary Determinations*, Commerce determines that U.S. imports of inquiry merchandise from Korea are circumventing the *Orders*.¹¹ As a result, in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that the inquiry merchandise exported from Korea should be included within the scope of the *Orders*. Commerce is making this affirmative determination of circumvention of the *Orders* on a country-wide basis.

We determine that Korean-origin AWC produced by Pusan with Chinese-origin aluminum production inputs are circumventing the *Orders*. We have also determined, consistent with 19 CFR 351.226(m), that it is appropriate to apply this affirmative circumvention finding on a country-wide basis. As a result, in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act, we determine that this merchandise is covered by the *Orders*. We have continued to apply the methodology relied upon for the *Preliminary Determinations*, including our use of facts available with adverse inferences (AFA) with respect to Daewon Cable, LS Cable & System, Taehwa Co., Ltd., TMC Co., and Gaon Cable pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, for our final determination. As AFA, we continue to determine that AWC exported to the United States by these five companies under AFA are circumventing the *Orders*. Furthermore, as AFA, we have determined that these companies are ineligible to certify that the AWC exported by these companies from Korea was produced using non-Chinese sourced inputs. For a detailed explanation of our determination, see the *Preliminary Determinations* and the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

See the "Certified Entries," "Certification," and "Certification Requirements" sections, below, for details regarding the use of certifications. See the "Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements" section, below, for details regarding suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements.

Certified Entries

Entries for which importers have met the certification requirements described below and in Appendix IV of this notice will not be subject to suspension of liquidation, or the cash deposit requirements described below. Failure

to comply with the applicable requisite certification requirements may result in the merchandise being subject to AD and CVD duties.

Certification

Daewon Cable, Gaon Cable, LS Cable & System, Taehwa Co., Ltd., and TMC Co., Ltd. will not be permitted to certify that their merchandise was not produced from Chinese-origin inputs. For all entries of AWC from Korea produced or exported by these companies, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit at the rate applicable to the AD and CVD *Orders* on AWC from China, i.e., the AD cash deposit rate established for China-wide entity (52.79 percent) and the CVD cash deposit rate established for all-others (33.44 percent). These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

To administer the final country-wide affirmative circumvention determination for Korea, Commerce has established importer and exporter certifications as provided for in Appendix IV to this notice. These certifications will permit eligible importers and exporters to establish that specific entries of AWC from Korea are not subject to suspension of liquidation or the collection of cash deposits pursuant to these final country-wide affirmative determinations of circumvention because the merchandise was processed in Korea and does not incorporate Chinese-sourced aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire. Importers and exporters that claim that an entry of AWC is not subject to suspension of liquidation or the collection of cash deposits because the merchandise was processed in Korea and does not incorporate Chinese-sourced aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire must certify that these products satisfy the requirements of these certification requirements as described in Appendix IV of this notice.

Certification Requirements

Importers are required to complete and maintain the applicable importer certification, and maintain a copy of the applicable exporter certification, and retain all supporting documentation for both certifications. Unless otherwise specified, the importer certification must be completed, signed, and dated by the time the entry summary is filed for the relevant entry. The importer, or the importer's agent, must submit both the importer's certification and the exporter's certification to CBP as part of

⁹ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 70496 (December 23, 2019) (*Orders*).

¹⁰ See *Preliminary Determinations* PDM at 11–14.

¹¹ *Id.*

the entry process by uploading them into the document imaging system (DIS) in ACE. Where the importer uses a broker to facilitate the entry process, the importer should obtain the entry summary number from the broker. Agents of the importer, such as brokers, however, are not permitted to certify on behalf of the importer.

Exporters are required to complete and maintain the applicable exporter certification and provide the importer with a copy of that certification and all supporting documentation (e.g., invoice, purchase order, production records, etc.). The exporter certification must be completed, signed, and dated by the time of shipment of the relevant entries. The exporter certification should be completed by the party selling the AWC that was manufactured in Korea to the United States.

Additionally, the claims made in the certifications and any supporting documentation are subject to verification by Commerce, CBP, or both Commerce and CBP. Importers and exporters are required to maintain the certifications and supporting documentation until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the latest entry date of the entries covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in United States courts regarding such entries.

For all entries of AWC from Korea that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period October 19, 2023 (the date of initiation of these circumvention inquiries) through the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determinations* in the **Federal Register**, where the entry has not been liquidated (and entries for which liquidation has not become final), the relevant certification should be completed and signed.

For unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) of AWC that were declared as non-AD/CVD type entries (e.g., type 01) and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States during the period October 19, 2023 (the date of initiation of these circumvention inquiries) through the date of publication of the final determination in the **Federal Register**, for which none of the above certifications may be made, importers must file a Post Summary Correction with CBP, in accordance with CBP's regulations, regarding conversion of such entries from non-AD/CVD type entries to AD/CVD type entries (e.g., type 01 to type 03). Importers should report those AD/CVD type entries using

the third country CBP case numbers identified in the "Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements" section, below. The importer should post cash deposits on those entries consistent with the regulations governing post summary corrections that require payment of additional duties, including AD/CVD duties.

If it is determined that an importer and/or exporter has not met the certification and/or related documentation requirements for certain entries, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to suspend, pursuant to these final country-wide affirmative determinations of circumvention and the *Orders*,¹² all unliquidated entries for which these requirements were not met and require the importer to post applicable AD and CVD cash deposits equal to the rates noted above.

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements

Based on the affirmative country-wide determinations of circumvention, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3), we will direct CBP to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties on unliquidated entries of AWC completed or assembled in Korea using Chinese-origin aluminum rod, aluminum wire, or aluminum wire strand, that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 19, 2023, the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3), we will direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and to suspend liquidation of all entries of AWC completed and assembled in Korea from Chinese-origin aluminum rod, aluminum wire, or aluminum wire strand that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 19, 2023 (i.e., the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*).¹³

For all suspended U.S. entries of inquiry merchandise, the AD cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate for the China-wide entity (i.e., 52.79 percent).¹⁴ For all suspended U.S. entries of inquiry merchandise, the CVD cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate (i.e., 33.44 percent).¹⁵ Commerce has established the following third-country case numbers in the Automated

Commercial Environment (ACE) for such entries: Korea A-580-095-000/C-580-096-000.

Cash deposits for exports of AWC from Korea already subject to the *Orders* should continue to be collected in accordance with existing CBP instructions and Chinese ACE numbers for such entries: A-570-095/C-570-096.

These suspension of liquidation instructions and cash deposit requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

Opportunity To Request an Administrative Review

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Act, may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that Commerce conduct an administrative review of that AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation. Interested parties who wish to request that Commerce conduct an administrative review should wait until Commerce announces via the **Federal Register** the next window during the anniversary month of the publication of the AD or CVD order to submit such requests. The anniversary month for these *Orders* is December.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice will serve as the only reminder to all parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 781(b) and 777(i) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.225(h), and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(2).

Dated: January 17, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to the *Orders* is aluminum wire and cable, which is defined as an assembly of one or more electrical conductors made from 8000 Series Aluminum Alloys (defined in accordance with ASTM B800), Aluminum Alloy 1350 (defined in accordance with ASTM B230/B230M or B609/B609M), and/or Aluminum

¹² See *Orders*.

¹³ See generally *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Scope and Circumvention Inquiries of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 72041 (October 19, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*).

¹⁴ See *Orders*.

¹⁵ *Id.*

Alloy 6201 (defined in accordance with ASTM B398/B398M), provided that: (1) at least one of the electrical conductors is insulated; (2) each insulated electrical conductor has a voltage rating greater than 80 volts and not exceeding 1000 volts; and (3) at least one electrical conductor is stranded and has a size not less than 16.5 thousand circular mil (kcmil) and not greater than 1000 kcmil. The assembly may: (1) include a grounding or neutral conductor; (2) be clad with aluminum, steel, or other base metal; or (3) include a steel support center wire, one or more connectors, a tape shield, a jacket or other covering, and/or filler materials.

Most aluminum wire and cable products conform to National Electrical Code (NEC) types THHN, THWN, THWN-2, XHHW-2, USE, USE-2, RHH, RHW, or RHW-2, and also conform to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards UL-44, UL-83, UL-758, UL-854, UL-1063, UL-1277, UL-1569, UL-1581, or UL-4703, but such conformity is not required for the merchandise to be included within the scope.

The scope of the *Orders* specifically excludes aluminum wire and cable products in lengths less than six feet, whether or not included in equipment already assembled at the time of importation. The merchandise covered by the *Orders* is currently classifiable under subheading 8544.49.9000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 8544.42.9090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive.

Appendix II

Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Circumvention Inquiries

The scope and circumvention inquiries cover AWC completed in Korea using AWC inputs (e.g., stranded wire and cables or unfinished AWC) of Chinese-origin that is subsequently exported to the United States.

Available evidence shows that AWC inputs from China are processed in Korea and subsequently exported to the United States. These inquiries cover exports of AWC made using inputs of Chinese-origin that undergo further processing in Korea.

These final determinations apply to all shipments of inquiry merchandise on or after the date of the initiation of these circumvention and scope inquiries (i.e., October 19, 2023). Importers and exporters of AWC from Korea, even where determined to be out of scope, must still certify that merchandise is not subject to our country-wide finding of circumvention.¹⁶ Otherwise, their merchandise may be subject to antidumping and countervailing duties.

Appendix III

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background

¹⁶ In such instances, see Appendix IV for certification requirements.

- III. Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Circumvention Inquiries
- IV. Period of Circumvention Inquiry
- V. Changes From the *Preliminary Determination*
- VI. Use of Facts Available With an Adverse Inference
- VII. Discussion of the Issues
 - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Should Continue To Apply Adverse Facts Available (AFA) to Gaon Cable Co., Ltd. (Gaon Cable) and Daewon Cable Co., Ltd. (Daewon Cable)
 - Comment 2: Pusan Cables & Engineering Co., Ltd.'s (Pusan) Eligibility To Participate in the Certification Process
- VIII. Recommendation

Appendix IV

Importer Certification

I hereby certify that:

(A) My name is {IMPORTING COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME} and I am an official of {NAME OF IMPORTING COMPANY}, located at {ADDRESS OF IMPORTING COMPANY}.

(B) I have direct personal knowledge of the facts regarding the importation into the Customs territory of the United States of the aluminum wire and cable (AWC) assembled or completed in Korea that under entry summary number(s), identified below, and are covered by this certification. "Direct personal knowledge" refers to facts the certifying party is expected to have in its own records. For example, the importer should have direct personal knowledge of the importation of AWC, including the exporter's and/or foreign seller's identity and location.

(C) If the importer is acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer, include the following sentence as paragraph C of this certification:

The AWC covered by this certification was imported by {IMPORTING COMPANY} on behalf of {U.S. CUSTOMER}, located at {ADDRESS OF U.S. CUSTOMER}.

If the importer is not acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer, include the following sentence as paragraph C of this certification:

{NAME OF IMPORTING COMPANY} is not acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer.

(D) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHOM THE MERCHANDISE WAS FIRST SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(E) I have personal knowledge of the facts regarding the production of the imported products covered by this certification. "Personal knowledge" includes facts obtained from another party, (e.g., correspondence received by the importer (or exporter) from the producer regarding the source of the inputs (i.e., aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire) used to produce the imported AWC).

(F) This certification applies to the following entries (repeat this block as many times as necessary):

Entry Summary #:
Entry Summary Line Item #:
Foreign Seller:
Foreign Seller's Address:

Foreign Seller's Invoice #:
Foreign Seller's Invoice Line Item #:
Country of Origin of HRS:
Producer:
Producer's Address:

(G) The AWC covered by this certification does not contain aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire produced in the People's Republic of China.

(H) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to maintain a copy of this certification and sufficient documentation supporting this certification (i.e., documents maintained in the normal course of business, or documents obtained by the certifying party, for example, certificates of origin, product data sheets, mill test reports, production records, invoices, etc.) until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the date of the latest entry covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in the United States courts regarding such entries.

(I) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to maintain a copy of the exporter's certification (attesting to the production and/or exportation of the imported merchandise identified above), and any supporting documentation provided to the importer by the exporter, until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the date of the latest entry covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in United States courts regarding such entries.

(J) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and/or the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) with the importer certification, and any supporting documentation, and a copy of the exporter's certification, and any supporting documentation provided to the importer by the exporter, upon request of either agency.

(K) I understand that the claims made herein, and the substantiating documentation, are subject to verification by CBP and/or Commerce.

(L) I understand that failure to maintain the required certification and supporting documentation, or failure to substantiate the claims made herein, or not allowing CBP and/or Commerce to verify the claims made herein, may result in a *de facto* determination that all entries to which this certification applies are within the scope of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on AWC from China. I understand that such finding will result in:

- (i) suspension of liquidation of all unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) for which these requirements were not met;
- (ii) the importer being required to post the cash deposits determined by Commerce; and
- (iii) the importer no longer being allowed to participate in the certification process.

(M) I understand that agents of the importer, such as brokers, are not permitted to make this certification.

(N) This certification was completed at time of shipment or within 45 days of the date on which Commerce issued its preliminary circumvention determination implementing the certification regime.

(O) I am aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. government.

Signature

{NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
{TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
{DATE}

Exporter Certification

The party that made the sale to the United States should fill out the exporter certification.

I hereby certify that:

(A) My name is {COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME} and I am an official of {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES}; located at {ADDRESS OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES}.

(B) I have direct personal knowledge of the facts regarding the production and exportation of the aluminum wire and cable (AWC) for which sales are identified below. "Direct personal knowledge" refers to facts the certifying party is expected to have in its own records. For example, an exporter should have direct personal knowledge of the producer's identity and location.

(C) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHOM THE MERCHANDISE WAS FIRST SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH THE MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(D) The AWC covered by this certification does not contain aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire produced in the People's Republic of China.

(E) This certification applies to the following sales to {NAME OF U.S. CUSTOMER}, located at {ADDRESS OF U.S. CUSTOMER} (repeat this block as many times as necessary):

Foreign Seller's Invoice # to U.S. Customer:
Foreign Seller's Invoice to U.S. Customer

Line item #:

Producer Name:

Producer's Address:

Producer's Invoice # to Foreign Seller: (If the foreign seller and the producer are the same party, put NA here.)

Name of Producer of AWC:

Location (Country) of Producer of AWC:

(F) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF U.S. PARTY TO WHOM MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(G) I understand that {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES} is required to maintain a copy of this certification and sufficient documentation supporting this certification (*i.e.*, documents maintained in the normal course of business, or documents obtained by the certifying party, for example, product data sheets, mill test reports, production records, invoices, *etc.*) until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the latest date of the entries covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in the United States courts regarding such entries.

(H) I understand that {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES} is required to provide the U.S. importer with a copy of this certification and is required to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and/or the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) with this certification, and any supporting documents, upon request of either agency.

(I) I understand that the claims made herein, and the substantiating documentation, are subject to verification by CBP and/or Commerce.

(J) I understand that failure to maintain the required certification and supporting documentation, or failure to substantiate the claims made herein, or not allowing CBP and/or Commerce to verify the claims made herein, may result in a *de facto* determination that all sales to which this certification applies are within the scope of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on AWC from China. I understand that such a finding will result in:

(i) suspension of all unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) for which these requirements were not met;

(ii) the importer being required to post the cash deposits determined by Commerce; and

(iii) the seller/exporter no longer being allowed to participate in the certification process.

(K) I understand that agents of the seller/exporter, such as freight forwarding companies or brokers, are not permitted to make this certification.

(L) This certification was completed at time of shipment or within 45 days of the date on which Commerce issued its preliminary circumvention determination implementing the certification regime.

(M) I am aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. government.

Signature

{NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
{TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
{DATE}

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders with December anniversary

dates. In accordance with Commerce's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Brown, AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4735.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Commerce has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), for administrative reviews of various AD and CVD orders with December anniversary dates.

All deadlines for the submission of various types of information, certifications, or comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting time.

Respondent Selection

In the event that Commerce limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews initiated pursuant to requests made for the orders identified below, Commerce intends to select respondents based either on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the period of review (POR) or questionnaires in which we request the quantity and value (Q&V) of sales, shipments, or exports during the POR. Where Commerce selects respondents based on CBP data, we intend to place the CBP data on the record within five days of publication of the initiation notice. Where Commerce selects respondents based on Q&V data, Commerce intends to place the Q&V questionnaire on the record of the review within five days of publication of the initiation notice. In either case, we intend to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 35 days of publication of the initiation notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments regarding the CBP data (and/or Q&V data (where applicable)) and respondent selection should be submitted within seven days after the placement of the CBP data/submission of the Q&V data on the record of this review. Parties wishing to submit rebuttal comments should submit those comments within five days after the deadline for the initial comments.

In the event that Commerce decides it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under

section 777A(c)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the following guidelines regarding collapsing of companies for purposes of respondent selection will apply. In general, Commerce has found that determinations concerning whether particular companies should be “collapsed” (e.g., treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating AD rates) require a substantial amount of detailed information and analysis, which often require follow-up questions and analysis. Accordingly, Commerce will not conduct collapsing analyses at the respondent selection phase of the review and will not collapse companies at the respondent selection phase unless there has been a determination to collapse certain companies in a previous segment of the AD proceeding (e.g., investigation, administrative review, new shipper review, or changed circumstances review). For any company subject to the review, if Commerce determined, or continued to treat, that company as collapsed with others, Commerce will assume that such companies continue to operate in the same manner and will collapse them for respondent selection purposes. Otherwise, Commerce will not collapse companies for purposes of respondent selection.

Parties are requested to (a) identify which companies subject to review previously were collapsed, and (b) provide a citation to the proceeding in which they were collapsed. Further, if companies are requested to complete the Q&V Questionnaire for purposes of respondent selection, in general, each company must report volume and value data separately for itself. Parties should not include data for any other party, even if they believe they should be treated as a single entity with that other party. If a company was collapsed with another company or companies in the most recently completed segment of the proceeding where Commerce considered collapsing that entity, complete Q&V data for that collapsed entity must be submitted.

Notice of No Sales

With respect to AD administrative reviews, we intend to rescind the review where there are no suspended entries for a company or entity under review and/or where there are no suspended entries under the company-specific case number for that company or entity. Where there may be suspended entries, if a producer or exporter named in this notice of initiation had no exports, sales, or entries during the POR, it may notify Commerce of this fact within 30 days of publication of this initiation

notice in the **Federal Register** for Commerce to consider how to treat suspended entries under that producer’s or exporter’s company-specific case number.

Deadline for Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), a party that has requested a review may withdraw that request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The regulation provides that Commerce may extend this time if it is reasonable to do so. Determinations by Commerce to extend the 90-day deadline will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline for Particular Market Situation Allegation

Section 504 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 amended the Act by adding the concept of a particular market situation (PMS) for purposes of constructed value under section 773(e) of the Act.¹ Section 773(e) of the Act states that “if a particular market situation exists such that the cost of materials and fabrication or other processing of any kind does not accurately reflect the cost of production in the ordinary course of trade, the administering authority may use another calculation methodology under this subtitle or any other calculation methodology.” When an interested party submits a PMS allegation pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce will respond to such a submission consistent with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v). If Commerce finds that a PMS exists under section 773(e) of the Act, then it will modify its dumping calculations appropriately.

Neither section 773(e) of the Act nor 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v) set a deadline for the submission of PMS allegations and supporting factual information. However, in order to administer section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce must receive PMS allegations and supporting factual information with enough time to consider the submission. Thus, should an interested party wish to submit a PMS allegation and supporting new factual information pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, it must do so no later than 20 days after submission of initial responses to section D of the questionnaire.

Separate Rates

In proceedings involving non-market economy (NME) countries, Commerce begins with a rebuttable presumption

that all companies within the country are subject to government control and, thus, should be assigned a single AD deposit rate. It is Commerce’s policy to assign all exporters of merchandise subject to an administrative review in an NME country this single rate unless an exporter can demonstrate that it is sufficiently independent so as to be entitled to a separate rate.

To establish whether a firm is sufficiently independent from government control of its export activities to be entitled to a separate rate, Commerce analyzes each entity exporting the subject merchandise. In accordance with the separate rates criteria, Commerce assigns separate rates to companies in NME cases only if respondents can demonstrate the absence of both *de jure* and *de facto* government control over export activities.

All firms listed below that wish to qualify for separate rate status in the administrative reviews involving NME countries must complete, as appropriate, either a Separate Rate Application or Certification, as described below. In addition, all firms that wish to qualify for separate rate status in the administrative reviews of AD orders in which a Q&V Questionnaire is issued must complete, as appropriate, either a Separate Rate Application or Certification, and respond to the Q&V Questionnaire.

For these administrative reviews, in order to demonstrate separate rate eligibility, Commerce requires entities for whom a review was requested, that were assigned a separate rate in the most recent segment of this proceeding in which they participated, to certify that they continue to meet the criteria for obtaining a separate rate. The Separate Rate Certification form will be available on Commerce’s website at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/nme/nme-sep-rate.html> on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. In responding to the certification, please follow the “Instructions for Filing the Certification” in the Separate Rate Certification. Separate Rate Certifications are due to Commerce no later than 14 calendar days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The deadline and requirement for submitting a Separate Rate Certification applies equally to NME-owned firms, wholly foreign-owned firms, and foreign sellers who purchase and export subject merchandise to the United States.

Entities that currently do not have a separate rate from a completed segment

¹ See Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Public Law 114–27, 129 Stat. 362 (2015).

of the proceeding² should timely file a Separate Rate Application to demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate in this proceeding. In addition, companies that received a separate rate in a completed segment of the proceeding that have subsequently made changes, including, but not limited to, changes to corporate structure, acquisitions of new companies or facilities, or changes to their official company name,³ should timely file a Separate Rate Application to demonstrate eligibility for a separate rate in this proceeding. The Separate Rate Application will be available on Commerce’s website at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/nme/nme-sep-rate.html> on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. In responding to the Separate Rate Application, refer to the instructions contained in the application. Separate Rate Applications are due to Commerce no later than 14 calendar days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The deadline and requirement for submitting a Separate Rate Application applies equally to NME-owned firms, wholly foreign-owned firms, and foreign sellers that purchase

and export subject merchandise to the United States.

Exporters and producers must file a timely Separate Rate Application or Certification if they want to be considered for individual examination. Furthermore, exporters and producers who submit a Separate Rate Application or Certification and subsequently are selected as mandatory respondents will no longer be eligible for separate rate status unless they respond to all parts of the questionnaire as mandatory respondents.

Certification Eligibility

Commerce may establish a certification process for companies whose exports to the United States could contain both subject and non-subject merchandise. Companies under review that were deemed to not be eligible to participate in the certification program of that proceeding may submit a Certification Eligibility Application to establish that they maintain the necessary systems to track their sales to the United States of subject and non-subject goods.

All firms listed below that are not currently eligible to certify but wish to establish certification eligibility are required to submit a Certification

Eligibility Application. The Certification Eligibility Application will be available on Commerce’s website at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/Certification-Eligibility-Application.pdf>. Certification Eligibility Applications must be filed according to Commerce’s regulations and are due to Commerce no later than 30 calendar days after the publication of the **Federal Register** notice.

Exporters and producers that are not currently eligible to certify, who submit a Certification Eligibility Application, and are subsequently selected as mandatory respondents must respond to all parts of the questionnaire as mandatory respondents for Commerce to consider their Certification Eligibility Application.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following AD and CVD orders and findings. On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled certain statutory and regulatory deadlines by ninety days.⁴ Therefore, we intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than March 31, 2026.

	Period to be reviewed
AD Proceedings	
INDIA: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23, A–533–838 Meghmani Pigments Western Chemical Industries P Limited	12/1/23–11/30/24
JAPAN: Non-Oriented Electrical Steel, A–588–872 Nippon Steel Corporation	12/1/23–11/30/24
OMAN: Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe, A–523–812 Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. SAOG Al Samna Metal Manufacturing & Trading Company LLC Bollore Logistics (Oman) LLC CEVA Logistics LLC Transworld Shipping Trading & Logistics Services LLC	12/1/23–11/30/24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Certain Superabsorbent Polymers, A–580–914 LG Chem, Ltd.	12/1/23–11/30/24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Forged Steel Fittings, A–580–904 Samyoung Fitting Co., Ltd.	12/1/23–11/30/24
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Welded Line Pipe, A–580–876 AJU BESTEEL Co., Ltd. BDP International, Inc. Daewoo International Corporation Dong Yang Steel Pipe Dongbu Incheon Steel Co. Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd. Dongkuk Steel Mill EEW Korea Co., Ltd. HISTEEL Co., Ltd. Husteel Co., Ltd. Hyundai RB Co. Ltd. Hyundai Steel Company/Hyundai HYSCO	12/1/23–11/30/24

² Such entities include entities that have not participated in the proceeding, entities that were preliminarily granted a separate rate in any currently incomplete segment of the proceeding (e.g., an ongoing administrative review, new shipper review, etc.) and entities that lost their

separate rate in the most recently completed segment of the proceeding in which they participated.

³ Only changes to the official company name, rather than trade names, need to be addressed via a Separate Rate Application. Information regarding

new trade names may be submitted via a Separate Rate Certification.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated December 9, 2022.

	Period to be reviewed
Hyundai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. Kelly Pipe Co., LLC Keonwoo Metals Co., Ltd. Kolon Global Corp. Korea Cast Iron Pipe Ind. Co., Ltd. Kumkang Kind Co., Ltd. Kurvers Piping Italy S.R.L. Miju Steel MFG Co., Ltd. MSTEEL Co., Ltd. NEXTEEL Co., Ltd. Poongsan Valinox (Valtimet Division) POSCO POSCO Daewoo R&R Trading Co. Ltd. Sam Kang M&T Co., Ltd. SeAH Steel Corporation Sin Sung Metal Co., Ltd. SK Networks Soon-Hong Trading Company Steel Flower Co., Ltd. TGS Pipe Tokyo Engineering Korea Ltd.	
THAILAND: Polyester Textured Yarn, A-549-843 Sunflag (Thailand) Ltd.	12/1/23-11/30/24
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Aluminum Wire and Cable, A-570-095 Tanghenam Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.	12/1/23-11/30/24
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Cased Pencils, ⁵ A-570-827 Beijing Kang Jie Kong International Beijing Majestic Stationery Co. Centraline Stationery & Gift Co. Limited Century Distribution System (Shenzhen) China First Pencil Co., Ltd. China No.1 Pencil Co., Ltd. Nanjing Zhaohong Textile Co Ltd Ningbo Homey Union Co., Ltd. Ningbo Paramout Ocean Navigator Express Line Ltd Orient International Enterprise Ltd. Orient International Logistics Holding Pacific Star Express (China) Co., Ltd Shandong Wah Yuen Stationery Co. Ltd. Shanghai Dream Asia International Logistics Co., Ltd. Shanghai Everest International Logistics Co., Ltd. Shanghai Yover Stationery Co., Ltd Shanghai Zturn Industrial Co., Ltd Shaoxing Robb Imp And Exp Co Ltd Skool Tools Ltd. Sts International Corp. Suzhou Lejing Knitting Co., Ltd. T.H.I Group (Shanghai) Limited Tianjin Tonghe Stationery Co. Ltd. TopOcean Consolidation Service (China) Ltd. Wah Yuen Stationery Co., Ltd. Wah Yuen Trading Co. Weihai Gold Horse Pen Industry Co., Ltd. Winnin Overseas Co., Ltd. Wuxi Nice International Trading Co. Wuyuan Wengong Stationery Co., Ltd. Yiwu DT Supply Chain Management Yiwu Huijie Make Pens Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Lishui Jin Hui Pencil Stat Zhejiang New Vision Zhejiang Pengsheng Stationery Co Ltd Zhejiang Sinopencil Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Songyang Jinxing Stationery Co., Ltd. Zibo Sankyo Rikagaku Co., Ltd.	12/1/23-11/30/24
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether Or Not Assembled Into Modules, A-570-979 Anji DaSol Solar Energy Science & Technology Co., Ltd Boviet Solar Technology Co., Ltd. BYD (Shangluo) Industrial Co., Ltd. BYD H.K. Co., Ltd	12/1/23-11/30/24

	Period to be reviewed
<p>Canadian Solar International Limited; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu) Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Luoyang) Inc.; CSI Cells Co., Ltd.; CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.; CSI-GCL Solar Manufacturing (Yancheng) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Canadian Solar Photovoltaic Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Canadian Solar Manufacturing, Inc.</p> <p>Chint Energy (Haining) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Chint Solar (Hong Kong) Company Limited; Chint Solar (Jiuquan) Co., Ltd.; Chint Solar (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.; Chint New Energy Technology (Haining) Co. Ltd.</p> <p>CSI Modules (DaFeng) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>CSI Solar Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.)</p> <p>CSI Solar Manufacturing (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI-GCL Solar Manufacturing (YanCheng) Co., Ltd.)</p> <p>CSI Solar Power Group Co., Ltd. (f.k.a. CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.)</p> <p>CSI Wafer (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>De-Tech Trading Limited HK</p> <p>Elite Solar Power Holding Pte. Ltd.</p> <p>Elite Solar Power Hong Kong Ltd.</p> <p>Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Co. Ltd.</p> <p>Hongkong Hello Tech Energy Co., Ltd.</p> <p>JA Solar Co., Ltd.</p> <p>JA Solar International Limited</p> <p>JA Solar PV Vietnam Company Limited</p> <p>JA Solar Technology Yangzhou Co., Ltd.</p> <p>JA Solar Vietnam Company Limited</p> <p>Jiawei Solarchina (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Jiawei Solarchina Co., Ltd.</p> <p>JingAo Solar Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Jinko Solar (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</p> <p>Jinko Solar Import and Export Co., Ltd.; Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar Technology (Haining) Co., Ltd.; Yuhuan Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Jiangsu Jinko Tiansheng Solar Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Chuzhou) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Yiwu) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Shangrao) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Jinko Solar International Limited</p> <p>Jinko Solar Technology Sdn. Bhd.</p> <p>Jinkosolar Middle East DMCC</p> <p>Lightway Green New Energy Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Longi (HK) Trading Ltd.</p> <p>LONGi Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</p> <p>Longi Solar Technology Co. Ltd.</p> <p>Luoyang Suntech Power Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Maodi Solar Technology (Dongguan) Co., Ltd</p> <p>New East Solar Energy Cambodia Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Ningbo ETDZ Holdings, Ltd.</p> <p>Ningbo Qixin Solar Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Red Sun Energy Long An Company Limited</p> <p>Renesola Jiangsu Ltd.</p> <p>ReneSola Zhejiang Ltd.</p> <p>Risen Energy Co. Ltd.; Risen Energy (Changzhou) Co., Ltd.; Risen (Wuhai) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Twinsel Electronic Technology Co., Ltd.; Risen (Luoyang) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengchao Xinye Technology Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengzhao Xinye Trade Co., Ltd.; Ruichang Branch, Risen Energy (HongKong) Co., Ltd.; Risen Energy (YIWU) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Runergy PV Technology (Thailand) Co., Ltd</p> <p>Shanghai BYD Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shanghai JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shanghai Nimble Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shenzhen Glory Industries Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shenzhen Sungold Solar Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shenzhen Topray Solar Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Shenzhen Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Baoding Jiasheng Photovoltaic Technology Co., Ltd.; Baoding Tianwei Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Beijing Tianneng Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Hainan Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Hengshui Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Lixian Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Tianjin Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd.; Yingli Energy (China) Company</p> <p>Sumec Hardware & Tools Co., Ltd</p> <p>Suntech Power Co., Ltd</p> <p>Taizhou BD Trade Co., Ltd.</p> <p>tenKsolar (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Trina Solar (Singapore) Science and Technology Pte. Ltd.</p> <p>Trina Solar Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Changzhou) Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Yancheng Trina Guoneng Photovoltaic Technology Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Solar Yabang Energy Co., Ltd.; Turpan Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Hubei Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Hefei) Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Hezhong Photoelectric Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina PV Ribbon Materials Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Changzhou) Science and Technology Co. Ltd.</p> <p>Trina Solar Energy Development Company Limited</p>	

	Period to be reviewed
Trina Solar Energy Development PTE Ltd Trina Solar Science & Technology (Thailand) Ltd. Vina Cell Technology Company Limited Vina Solar Technology Company Limited Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd. Wuxi Tianran Photovoltaic Co., Ltd. Xiamen Yiyusheng Solar Co., Ltd. Yingli Green Energy International Trading Company Limited Zhejiang Aiko Solar Energy Technology Co., Ltd.	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Melamine, A-570-020	12/1/23-11/30/24
Sichuan Aolaite Chemical Co., Ltd. Xinji Jiuyuan	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Multilayered Wood Flooring, A-570-970	12/1/23-11/30/24
Dongtai Fuan Universal Dynamics, LLC HaiLin LinJing Wooden Products Co., Ltd. Hunchun Xingjia Wooden Flooring Inc. Jiashan On-Line Lumber Co., Ltd. Suzhou Dongda Wood Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Longsen Lumbering Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Shiyou Timber Co., Ltd.	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe, A-520-807	12/1/23-11/30/24
Ajmal Steel Tubes and Pipes Industries, LLC ⁶ Conares Metal Supply Limited K.D. Industries Inc. THL Tube and Pipe Industries LLC; KHK Scaffolding and Formwork LLC; Universal Tube and Plastic Industries Ltd.; Universal Tube and Pipe Industries FZE ⁷ Tiger Steel Industries LLC TSI Metal Industries LLC	
CVD Proceedings	
INDIA: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23, C-533-839	1/1/23-12/31/23
Navpad Pigments Private Limited Meghmani Pigments Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Aluminum Wire and Cable, C-570-096	1/1/23-12/31/23
Tanghenam Electric Wire & Cable Co., Ltd.	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether Or Not Assembled Into Modules, C-570-980	1/1/23-12/31/23
Anji Dasol Solar Energy Science & Technology Co., Ltd. Astronergy Co., Ltd. Astronergy Solar Baoding Jiasheng Photovoltaic Technology Co., Ltd. Baoding Tianwei Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Beijing Tianneng Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Boviet Solar Technology Co., Ltd. BYD (Shangluo) Industrial Co., Ltd.; Shanghai BYD Co., Ltd.; BYD Company Ltd. BYD H.K. Co., Ltd. Canadian Solar Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu) Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Luoyang) Inc.; Changshu Tegu New Materials Technology Co., Ltd.; Changshu Tlian Co., Ltd.; CSI Cells Co., Ltd.; CSI New Energy Holding Co., Ltd.; CSI Solar Manufacture Inc.; CSI Solar Power (China) Inc.; CSI Solar Technologies Inc.; CSI Solartronics (Changshu) Co., Ltd.; CSI-GCL Solar Manufacturing (Yancheng) Co., Ltd.; Suzhou Sanysolar Materials Technology Co., Ltd.; Changshu Tegu New Material Technology Co., Ltd. Canadian Solar International Limited Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Canadian Solar Photovoltaic Technology (Luoyang) Co., Ltd. Changzhou Trina Hezhong Photoelectric Co., Ltd. Changzhou Trina PV Ribbon Materials Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Trina Solar Yabang Energy Co., Ltd.; Hubei Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar (Changzhou) Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Trina Solar Co., Ltd.; Turpan Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd.; Yancheng Trina Solar Energy Technology Co., Ltd. Chint Solar (Hong Kong) Company Limited Chint Solar (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd.; Chint New Energy Technology Co., Ltd.; Haining Chint Solar Energy Technology Co., Ltd.; Chint New Energy Technology (Yancheng) Co., Ltd.; Chint Solar (Yancheng) Co., Ltd.; Jiuquan Chint New Energy Technology Co., Ltd.; Chint Group Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Chint Electrics Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Chint New Energy Development Co., Ltd.; Chint Solar (Jiuquan) Co., Ltd.; Chint Solar (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. CSI Modules (Dafeng) Co., Ltd. CSI Solar Co., Ltd. CSI Solar Manufacturing (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd. CSI Wafer (Fu Ning) Co., Ltd. DeSolar (Wujiang) Ltd. DeSolar Co., Ltd. De-Tech Trading Limited HK Dongguan Sunworth Solar Energy Co., Ltd.	

	Period to be reviewed
<p>Donghai JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; Hebei Ningjin Songgong Semiconductor Co., Ltd.; Hebei Ningtong Electronic Materials Co., Ltd.; Hebei Yujing Electronic Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Hefei JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; JA (Hefei) Renewable Energy Co., Ltd.; Jing Hai Yang Semiconductor Material (Donghai) Co., Ltd.; JingAo Solar Co., Ltd.; JA SOLAR TECHNOLOGY YANGZHOU CO., LTD.; Shanghai JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; JA Solar Investment China Co., Ltd.; Donghai JingAo Solar Energy Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Solar Silicon Valley Electronic Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Beijing Jinfeng Investment Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Songgong Electronic Materials Co., Ltd.; Jinglong Industry and Commerce Group Co., Ltd.; Ningjin County Jingyuan New Energy Investment Co., Ltd.; Hebei Jinglong New Materials Technology Group Co., Ltd.; Hebei Jinglong Sun Equipment Co. Ltd.; Hebei Jingle Optoelectronic Technology Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Jingxing Electronic Material Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Saimei Ganglong Electronic Materials Co., Ltd.; JA Solar (Xingtai) Co., Ltd.; Xingtai Jinglong Electronic Material Co., Ltd.; Xingtai Jinglong PV Materials Co., Ltd.; JA PV Technology Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Jinglong PV Industry Investment Co., Ltd.; Baotou JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; Xingtai Jinglong New Energy Co., Ltd.; Ningjin County Jing Tai Fu Technology Co., Ltd.; JA Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; Jinglong Technology Holdings Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Guiguang Electronics Investment Co., Ltd.; Ningjin Longxin Investment Co., Ltd.; Beijing JA Solar PV Technology Co., Ltd.; Solar Silicon Peak Electronic Science and Technology Co., Ltd.; Jingwei Electronic Materials Co., Ltd.; Taicang Juren PV Material Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Elite Solar Power Holding Pte. Ltd. Elite Solar Power Hong Kong Ltd. Eoply New Energy Technology Co., Ltd. ERA Solar Co., Ltd. ET Solar Energy Limited Fuzhou Sunmodo New Energy Equipment Co., Ltd. GCL System Integration Technology Co., Ltd. Hainan Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Hangzhou Sunny Energy Science and Technology Co., Ltd. Hengdian Group DMEGC Magnetics Co., Ltd. Hengshui Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. JA Solar International Limited JA Solar PV Vietnam Company Limited JA Solar Vietnam Company Limited Jiangsu High Hope Intl Group, High Hope Zhongtian Corporation, Jiangsu Suhui Asset Management Co., Ltd. Jiangsu Jinko Tiansheng Solar Co., Ltd. Jinko Solar Import And Export Co., Ltd.; Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Jiangxi Jinko Photovoltaic Materials Co., Ltd.; Xinjiang Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Chuzhou) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Shangrao) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Sichuan) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar (Yiwu) Co., Ltd.; JinkoSolar Technology (Haining) Co., Ltd.; Ruixu Industrial Co., Ltd.; Yuhuan Jinko Solar Co., Ltd.; Jinko Solar (Shanghai) Management Co., Ltd. Jinko Solar International Limited Lightway Green New Energy Co., Ltd.; Light Way Green New Energy Co., Ltd. Lixian Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Longi (HK) Trading Ltd. LONGi Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. LONGi Solar Technology Co., Ltd.; LERRI Solar Technology Co., Ltd. Luoyang Suntech Power Co., Ltd. Nice Sun PV Co., Ltd. Ningbo ETDZ Holdings, Ltd. ReneSola Jiangsu Ltd. Renesola Zhejiang Ltd. Risen Energy Co., Ltd.; Risen (Wuhai) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Twinsel Electronic Technology Co., Ltd.; Risen (Luoyang) New Energy Co., Ltd.; Risen Energy (Changzhou) Co., Ltd.; Risen Energy (Yiwu) Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Boxin Investment Co., Ltd.; Jiangsu Sveck New Material Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Sveck Photovoltaic New Material Co., Ltd. (including Changzhou Sveck Photovoltaic New Material Co., Ltd. Jintan Danfeng Road Branch); Changzhou Sveck New Material Technology Co., Ltd.; Ninghai Risen Energy Power Development Co., Ltd.; Risen (Ningbo) Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.; Risen Energy (Ningbo) Co., Ltd.; Changzhou Jintan Ningsheng Electricity Power Co., Ltd.; Risen (Changzhou) Import and Export Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengchao Xinye Technology Co., Ltd.; Jiujiang Shengchao Xinye Trade Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Ruichang Branch. Shanghai Nimble Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Sungold Solar Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Topray Solar Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Sumec Hardware & Tools Co., Ltd. Sunpreme Solar Technology (Jiaxing) Co., Ltd. Suntech Power Co., Ltd. Suntimes Technology Co., Limited Systemes Versilis, Inc. Taimax Technologies Inc. Taizhou BD Trade Co., Ltd. Talesun Energy Talesun Solar tenKsolar (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Tianjin Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd. Toenergy Technology Hangzhou Co., Ltd.</p>	

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Trina (Hefei) Science and Technology Co., Ltd. Trina Solar Energy Development Company Limited Trina Solar Science & Technology (Thailand) Ltd. Vietnam Sunergy Joint Stock Company Wuxi Suntech Power Co., Ltd. Wuxi Tianran Photovoltaic Co., Ltd. Yingli Energy (China) Company Ltd. Yingli Green Energy International Trading Company Limited Zhejiang ERA Solar Technology Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Sunflower Light Energy Science & Technology Limited Liability Company	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Melamine, C-570-021	1/1/23-12/31/23
Sichuan Aolaite Chemical Co., Ltd. Xinji Jiuyuan	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof, C-570-140	1/1/23-12/31/23
Anhui Heli Industrial Vehicle Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. Changzhou Hengxuan Logistics Co., Ltd. Crown Equipment (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. Deqing Liguang Machinery Trading Co. Ltd. Dongguan Tinbo Packing Industrial Co., Ltd. Everocean International Forwarding Co., Ltd. Guangxi LiuGong Machinery Co., Ltd. Guangzhou Eounice Machinery Co., Ltd. Hangzhou Hengli Metal Processing Co., Ltd. Hunan Sinoboom Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd. Jiaxing Xinfeng Zhong Wang Hydraulic Pressure Accessory Factory Leader Technology Co., Ltd. Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery Co., Ltd.; Linyi Lingong Machinery Group Co., Ltd. ⁸ Mantall Heavy Industry Co., Ltd. Noblelift Intelligent Equipment Co., Ltd. Oshkosh JLG (Tianjin) Equipment Technology Co., Ltd. Sany Marine Heavy Industry Co., Ltd. Shandong Tavor Machinery Co., Ltd. Shanghai Full Trans Global Forwarding Co., Ltd. Shanghai Inter Cooperation Co., Ltd. Shanghai Xiangcheng Trading Co., Ltd. Shanghai Xindun Trade Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Shining Ocean International Logistics Co., Ltd. Skyjack Inc Terex (Changzhou) Machinery Co., Ltd. Wuhai Huadong Heavy Industry Foundry Co., Ltd. Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Fire-Fighting Safety Equipment Co., Ltd. Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. Yantai Carhart Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Dingli Machinery Co., Ltd.; Zhejiang Green Power Machinery Co., Ltd.; Shengda Fenghe Automotive Equipment Co., Ltd. ⁹ Zhejiang Smile Tools Co., Ltd. Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science & Technology Co., Ltd.	
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Multilayered Wood Flooring, C-570-971	1/1/23-12/31/23
Dongtai Fuan Universal Dynamics, LLC HaiLin LinJing Wooden Products Co., Ltd. Hunchun Xingjia Wooden Flooring Inc. Jiashan On-Line Lumber Co., Ltd. Riverside Plywood Corporation; Baroque Timber Industries (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.; Suzhou Times Flooring Co., Ltd.; Zhongshan Lianjia Flooring Co., Ltd. Suzhou Dongda Wood Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Longsen Lumbering Co., Ltd. Zhejiang Shiyou Timber Co., Ltd.	

Suspension Agreements

None.

Duty Absorption Reviews

During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an AD order under 19 CFR 351.211 or a determination under 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4) to continue an

order or suspended investigation (after sunset review), Commerce, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine whether ADs have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The

request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

⁵ Aloha Pencil Company (Aloha) requested a review of many of the listed companies, claiming interested party status as a domestic producer. Because we found that Aloha did not have standing as an interested party in the prior segment of this proceeding, and as a result, that its requests for review were void, we intend to reexamine its standing in this administrative review.

Gap Period Liquidation

For the first administrative review of any order, there will be no assessment of antidumping or countervailing duties on entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the relevant “gap” period of the order (*i.e.*, the period following the expiry of provisional measures and before definitive measures were put into place), if such a gap period is applicable to the POR.

Administrative Protective Orders and Letters of Appearance

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with the procedures outlined in Commerce’s regulations at 19 CFR 351.305. Those procedures apply to administrative reviews included in this notice of initiation. Parties wishing to participate in any of these administrative reviews should ensure that they meet the requirements of these procedures (*e.g.*, the filing of

⁶ Commerce previously determined that Ajmal Steel Tubes & Pipes Ind. L.L.C. and Ajmal Steel Tubes & Pipes Ind. L.L.C.-Branch-1 should be treated as a single entity. See *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from the United Arab Emirates: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2019–2020*, 87 FR 41111 (July 11, 2022) (*CWP UAE 2019–20*). Therefore, we are initiating this administrative review with respect to both companies within the collapsed entity.

⁷ In prior reviews, Commerce treated these companies as a single entity. See, *e.g.*, *CWP UAE 2019–20*. Absent information to the contrary, we are treating these companies as a single entity for the purpose of this administrative review. Additionally, in *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from the United Arab Emirates: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 89 FR 76087 (September 17, 2024), Commerce determined that Universal Tube and Pipe Industries FZE is the successor-in-interest to Universal Tube and Plastic Industries Limited effective September 17, 2024. Because Commerce received a request for a review of Universal Tube and Plastic Industries, Ltd., we are initiating this review with respect to this company as well.

⁸ Commerce previously found Linyi Lingong Machinery Group Co., Ltd. to be a cross-owned affiliate of Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery Co., Ltd. See *Certain Mobile Access Equipment and Subassemblies Thereof from the People’s Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination* 86 FR 57809 (October 19, 2021) (*MAE Final Determination*). Accordingly, we are initiating this review with respect to Lingong Group Jinan Heavy Machinery Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned entity, Linyi Lingong Machinery Group Co., Ltd., listed in this notice.

⁹ Commerce previously found Zhejiang Green Power Machinery Co., Ltd. and Shengda Fenghe Automotive Equipment Co., Ltd. to be cross-owned affiliates of Zhejiang Dingli Machinery Co., Ltd. See *MAE Final Determination*. Accordingly, we are initiating this review with respect to Zhejiang Dingli Machinery Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned entities, Zhejiang Green Power Machinery Co., Ltd. and Shengda Fenghe Automotive Equipment Co., Ltd., listed in this notice.

separate letters of appearance as discussed at 19 CFR 351.103(d)).

Factual Information Requirements

Commerce’s regulations identify five categories of factual information in 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21), which are summarized as follows: (i) evidence submitted in response to questionnaires; (ii) evidence submitted in support of allegations; (iii) publicly available information to value factors under 19 CFR 351.408(c) or to measure the adequacy of remuneration under 19 CFR 351.511(a)(2); (iv) evidence placed on the record by Commerce; and (v) evidence other than factual information described in (i)–(iv). These regulations require any party, when submitting factual information, to specify under which subsection of 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) the information is being submitted and, if the information is submitted to rebut, clarify, or correct factual information already on the record, to provide an explanation identifying the information already on the record that the factual information seeks to rebut, clarify, or correct. The regulations, at 19 CFR 351.301, also provide specific time limits for such factual submissions based on the type of factual information being submitted. Please review the *Final Rule*,¹⁰ available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2013-07-17/pdf/2013-17045.pdf>, prior to submitting factual information in this segment. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹¹

Any party submitting factual information in an AD or CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information using the formats provided at the end of the *Final Rule*.¹² Commerce intends to reject factual submissions in any proceeding segments if the submitting party does not comply with applicable certification requirements.

Extension of Time Limits Regulation

Parties may request an extension of time limits before a time limit

¹⁰ See *Certification of Factual Information To Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 42678 (July 17, 2013) (*Final Rule*); see also the frequently asked questions regarding the *Final Rule*, available at https://enforcement.trade.gov/tlei/notices/factual_info_final_rule_FAQ_07172013.pdf.

¹¹ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

¹² See section 782(b) of the Act; see also *Final Rule*; and the frequently asked questions regarding the *Final Rule*, available at https://enforcement.trade.gov/tlei/notices/factual_info_final_rule_FAQ_07172013.pdf.

established under Part 351 expires, or as otherwise specified by Commerce.¹³ In general, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after the time limit established under Part 351 expires. For submissions which are due from multiple parties simultaneously, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after 10:00 a.m. on the due date. Examples include, but are not limited to: (1) case and rebuttal briefs, filed pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309; (2) factual information to value factors under 19 CFR 351.408(c), or to measure the adequacy of remuneration under 19 CFR 351.511(a)(2), filed pursuant to 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3) and rebuttal, clarification and correction filed pursuant to 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3)(iv); (3) comments concerning the selection of a surrogate country and surrogate values and rebuttal; (4) comments concerning CBP data; and (5) Q&V questionnaires. Under certain circumstances, Commerce may elect to specify a different time limit by which extension requests will be considered untimely for submissions which are due from multiple parties simultaneously. In such a case, Commerce will inform parties in the letter or memorandum setting forth the deadline (including a specified time) by which extension requests must be filed to be considered timely. This policy also requires that an extension request must be made in a separate, standalone submission, and clarifies the circumstances under which Commerce will grant untimely-filed requests for the extension of time limits. Please review the *Final Rule*, available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/html/2013-22853.htm>, prior to submitting factual information in these segments.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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¹³ See 19 CFR 351.302.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–095, C–570–096]

Aluminum Wire and Cable From the People's Republic of China: Final Negative Scope Ruling and Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention With Respect to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of aluminum wire and cable (AWC) completed in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) using certain AWC inputs manufactured in the People's Republic of China (China) are not covered by the scope of the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on AWC from China. In addition, Commerce determines that AWC completed in Vietnam using certain AWC inputs manufactured in China are circumventing the AD and CVD orders on AWC from China.

DATES: Applicable January 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hoadley, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 23, 2019, Commerce published the orders in the **Federal Register**.¹ On October 19, 2023, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(b), Commerce self-initiated scope inquiries to determine whether imports of AWC completed in Cambodia, Korea, and Vietnam using inputs manufactured in China are covered by the Orders.² Commerce also, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(b) and section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), self-initiated country-wide circumvention inquiries to determine whether imports of AWC from Cambodia, Korea, and Vietnam, if

¹ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 70496 (December 23, 2019) (*Orders*).

² See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Scope and Circumvention Inquiries of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 88 FR 72041 (October 19, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*), and accompanying Initiation Memorandum.

outside of the scope of the *Orders*, are, nonetheless, circumventing the *Orders*.³

On August 7, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its *Preliminary Determinations* that imports of AWC completed in Vietnam using certain AWC inputs manufactured in China are not covered by the scope of the AD and CVD orders on AWC from China and, that imports of AWC completed in Vietnam using certain AWC inputs are circumventing *Orders*.⁴ Pursuant to section 781(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), on August 13, 2024, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary affirmative determination of circumvention with respect to Vietnam.⁵ The ITC did not request consultations with Commerce.

Between September and October 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the questionnaire responses submitted by the Vietnamese respondents, ICF Cable Co. Ltd. (ICF) and Tanghenam Electric Wire and Cable Co., Ltd. (Tanghenam).⁶

On December 12, 2024, Commerce extended the deadline for the final determination of this circumvention inquiry to January 8, 2025.⁷ On January 6, 2025, Commerce further extended the deadline for the final determination to January 17, 2025.⁸ For a summary of events that occurred since the *Preliminary Determinations*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for consideration in the final determination, see the Issues and

³ *Id.*

⁴ See *Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Negative Scope Determinations with Respect to Cambodia, Korea, and Vietnam; Preliminary Affirmative Determinations of Circumvention with Respect to Korea and Vietnam; Preliminary Negative Determination of Circumvention with Respect to Cambodia*, 89 FR 64406 (August 7, 2024) (*Preliminary Determinations*), and accompanying Preliminary Determination Memorandum (PDM); see also *Orders*.

⁵ See Commerce's Letter, "Notification of Affirmative and Negative Preliminary Determinations of Circumvention," dated August 13, 2024.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Verification of the Responses of Tanghenam Electric Wire and Cable Co., Ltd. in the Circumvention and Scope Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order on Aluminum Wire and Cable from People's Republic of China," dated November 20, 2024 (Tanghenam Verification Report); see also "Verification of the Responses of ICF Cable Co. Ltd. in the Circumvention and Scope Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order on Aluminum Wire and Cable from People's Republic of China," dated November 25, 2024 (ICF Verification Report).

⁷ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations in Circumvention Inquiries Pertaining to Korea and Vietnam," dated December 12, 2024.

⁸ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadlines for the Final Determinations," dated January 6, 2025.

Decision Memorandum.⁹ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Orders

The products subject to the *Orders* are aluminum wire and cable. For a full description of the scope of the *Orders*, see Appendix I of this notice.

Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Circumvention Inquiries

These inquiries cover AWC assembled or completed in Vietnam using Chinese-origin AWC inputs (e.g., stranded wire and cables or unfinished AWC) that is subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States (inquiry merchandise). These inquiries cover exports of AWC from Vietnam that are assembled or completed using inputs of Chinese origin which undergo further processing in Vietnam. For a full description of the merchandise subject to the scope and circumvention inquiries, see Appendix II of this notice.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this inquiry are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised is attached to this notice in Appendix III. Based on our analysis of the comments received from Encore Wire Corporation (Encore), a domestic interested party and Tanghenam, we made changes from the *Preliminary Determinations*. Specifically, we applied partial adverse facts available (AFA) to our circumvention determination under sections 781(b)(2)(E) and 781(b)(1)(D) of the Act with respect to Tanghenam. Furthermore, we are precluding Tanghenam from participating in the certification program for exports of AWC completed in Vietnam and subsequently exported to the United States; as well as not allowing Tanghenam to certify.

⁹ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Scope Ruling and Circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Aluminum Wire and Cable from the People's Republic of China with Respect to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Methodology and Final Scope Ruling

Commerce conducted this scope inquiry in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(k)(1), and made no changes to its methodology for this final scope ruling. Specifically, as discussed in the *Preliminary Determinations*, Commerce finds that AWC produced in Vietnam using Chinese-sourced inputs that do not satisfy the physical description of the scope of the *Orders* is not subject to the *Orders*.¹⁰

Methodology and Final Circumvention Determination

Commerce conducted this circumvention inquiry in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226. Furthermore, as discussed in the *Preliminary Determinations* and the Issues and Decision Memorandum, Commerce determines that U.S. imports of inquiry merchandise from Vietnam are circumventing the *Orders*.¹¹ We have continued to apply this methodology and incorporate by reference this description of the methodology for our final determination for ICF.¹²

With regard to Tanghenam, Commerce has revised its preliminary circumvention analysis by relying on partial facts available with an adverse inference under section 776 of the Act for the purpose of reaching determinations under sections 781(b)(2)(E) and 781(b)(1)(D) of the Act as discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum and in the “Use of Facts Available” section below.

Commerce is making its final affirmative determination of circumvention on a country-wide basis. As a result, in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that the inquiry merchandise exported from Vietnam should be included within the scope of the *Orders*.

We determine that Vietnamese-origin AWC produced by ICF and Tanghenam with Chinese-origin aluminum inputs is circumventing the *Orders*. We also determine that U.S. imports of Vietnamese-origin AWC produced with Chinese-sourced inputs are circumventing the *Orders* on a country-wide basis. As a result, in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act, we determine that this merchandise is covered by the *Orders*.¹³ See the “Certified Entries,” “Certification,” and “Certification Requirements” sections,

below, for details regarding the use of certifications. See the “Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements” section, below, for details regarding suspension of liquidation and cash deposit requirements.

Application of AFA

In this final determination, Commerce finds that necessary information is not available on the record with respect to Tanghenam within the meaning of section 776(a)(1) of the Act. Tanghenam withheld requested information, failed to provide requested information by the deadline or in the form or manner requested, and significantly impeded the inquiry pursuant to sections 776(a)(1), (A), (B), and (C) of the Act. Moreover, Commerce finds that this company failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to provide the requested information pursuant to section 776(b)(1) of the Act. Consequently, we are relying on the application of partial adverse inferences with respect to Tanghenam in selecting from among the facts otherwise available on the record, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act; specifically, we have relied on AFA in reaching determinations under sections 781(b)(2)(E) and 781(b)(1)(D) of the Act.¹⁴

Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposits

Based on the affirmative country-wide determinations of circumvention, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3), we will direct CBP to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties on unliquidated entries of AWC completed or assembled in Vietnam using Chinese-origin aluminum rod, aluminum wire, or aluminum wire strand, that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 19, 2023, the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(l)(3), we will direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and to suspend liquidation of all entries of AWC completed or assembled in Vietnam from Chinese-origin aluminum rod, aluminum wire, or aluminum wire strand that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 19, 2023 (*i.e.*, the date of publication of the *Initiation Notice*).¹⁵

For all suspended U.S. entries of inquiry merchandise, the antidumping duty cash deposit rate will be the cash

deposit rate for the China-wide entity (*i.e.*, 52.79 percent).¹⁶ For all suspended U.S. entries of inquiry merchandise, the CVD cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate (*i.e.*, 33.44 percent).¹⁴ Commerce has established the following third-country case numbers in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for such entries: A-552-095-000/C-552-096-000.

Cash deposits for exports of AWC from Vietnam already subject to the *Orders* should continue to be collected in accordance with existing CBP instructions and Chinese ACE numbers for such entries: A-570-095/C-570-096.

These suspension of liquidation instructions and cash deposit requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

Certified Entries

Entries for which the importer and exporter have met the certification requirements described below and in Appendix IV to this notice will not be subject to suspension of liquidation, or the cash deposit requirements described above. Failure to comply with the applicable requisite certification requirements may result in the merchandise being subject to AD and CVD duties.

Certification

For Tanghenam, which will not be permitted to certify that its merchandise was not produced from China-origin inputs, Commerce will direct CBP, for all entries of AWC from Vietnam produced or exported by Tanghenam, to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit at the rate applicable to the AD and CVD orders on AWC from China (*i.e.*, the AD cash deposit rate established for China-wide entity (52.79 percent) and the CVD cash deposit rate established for all-others (33.44 percent)). These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

To administer the final country-wide affirmative circumvention determination for Vietnam, Commerce has established importer and exporter certifications as provided for in Appendix IV to this notice. These certifications will permit eligible importers and exporters to establish that specific entries of AWC from Vietnam are not subject to suspension of liquidation or the collection of cash deposits pursuant to these final country-wide affirmative determinations of circumvention because the merchandise was processed in Vietnam and does not incorporate Chinese-sourced inputs.

¹⁰ See *Preliminary Determinations* PDM at 7–10.

¹¹ *Id.* at 10–23; see also Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹² See Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹³ See *Preliminary Determinations* PDM and the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁴ See Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁵ See, generally, *Initiation Notice*.

¹⁶ See *AD Order*.

Importers and exporters that claim that an entry of AWC is not subject to suspension of liquidation or the collection of cash deposits because the merchandise was processed in Vietnam and does not incorporate Chinese-sourced inputs must certify that these products satisfy the requirements of these certification requirements as described in Appendix IV of this notice.

Certification Requirements

Importers are required to complete and maintain the applicable importer certification, and maintain a copy of the applicable exporter certification, and retain all supporting documentation for both certifications. Unless otherwise specified, the importer certification must be completed, signed, and dated by the time the entry summary is filed for the relevant entry. The importer, or the importer's agent, must submit both the importer's certification and the exporter's certification to CBP as part of the entry process by uploading them into the document imaging system (DIS) in ACE. Where the importer uses a broker to facilitate the entry process, the importer should obtain the entry summary number from the broker. Agents of the importer, such as a broker, however, are not permitted to certify on behalf of the importer.

Exporters are required to complete and maintain the applicable exporter certification and provide the importer with a copy of that certification and all supporting documentation (e.g., invoice, purchase order, production records, etc.). With the exception of the entries described below, the exporter certification must be completed, signed, and dated by the time of shipment of the relevant entries. The exporter certification should be completed by the party selling the AWC that was manufactured in Vietnam to the United States.

Additionally, the claims made in the certifications and any supporting documentation are subject to verification by Commerce or CBP or both Commerce and CBP. Importers and exporters are required to maintain the certifications and supporting documentation until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the latest entry date of the entries covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in United States courts regarding such entries.

For all AWC from Vietnam that was entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period October 19, 2023 (the date of initiation of this circumvention inquiry), through the date of publication of the

Preliminary Determinations in the **Federal Register**, where the entry has not been liquidated (and entries for which liquidation has not become final), the relevant certification should already be complete and signed.

For unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) of AWC that were declared as non-AD/CVD type entries (e.g., type 01) and entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption in the United States during the period October 19, 2023 (the date of initiation of these circumvention inquiries), through the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determinations* in the **Federal Register**, for which none of the above certifications may be made, importers must file a Post Summary Correction with CBP, in accordance with CBP's regulations, regarding conversion of such entries from non-AD/CVD type entries to AD/CVD type entries (e.g., type 01 to type 03). Importers should report those AD/CVD type entries using the third country CBP case numbers identified in the "Suspension of Liquidation and Cash Deposit Requirements" section, above. The importer should post cash deposits on those entries consistent with the regulations governing post summary corrections that require payment of additional duties, including AD/CVD duties.

If it is determined that an importer or exporter has not met the certification and related documentation requirements for certain entries, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to suspend, pursuant to this country-wide affirmative determination of circumvention and the Orders,¹⁷ all unliquidated entries for which these requirements were not met and require the importer to post applicable cash deposits equal to the rates noted above.

Opportunity To Request an Administrative Review

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Act, may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that Commerce conduct an administrative review of that AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation. Interested parties who wish that Commerce conducts an administrative review should wait until Commerce announces via the **Federal Register** the next window during the anniversary month of the publication of the AD or CVD order to submit such

requests. The anniversary month for these *Orders* is December.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice will serve as the only reminder to all parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 781(b) and 777(i) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.225(h), and 19 CFR 351.226(g)(2).

Dated: January 17, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise subject to the *Orders* is aluminum wire and cable, which is defined as an assembly of one or more electrical conductors made from 8000 Series Aluminum Alloys (defined in accordance with ASTM B800), Aluminum Alloy 1350 (defined in accordance with ASTM B230/B230M or B609/B609M), and/or Aluminum Alloy 6201 (defined in accordance with ASTM B398/B398M), provided that: (1) At least one of the electrical conductors is insulated; (2) each insulated electrical conductor has a voltage rating greater than 80 volts and not exceeding 1000 volts; and (3) at least one electrical conductor is stranded and has a size not less than 16.5 thousand circular mil (kcmil) and not greater than 1000 kcmil. The assembly may: (1) Include a grounding or neutral conductor; (2) be clad with aluminum, steel, or other base metal; or (3) include a steel support center wire, one or more connectors, a tape shield, a jacket or other covering, and/or filler materials.

Most aluminum wire and cable products conform to National Electrical Code (NEC) types THHN, THWN, THWN-2, XHHW-2, USE, USE-2, RHH, RHW, or RHW-2, and also conform to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards UL-44, UL-83, UL-758, UL-854, UL-1063, UL-1277, UL-1569, UL-1581, or UL-4703, but such conformity is not required for the merchandise to be included within the scope.

The scope of the *Orders* specifically excludes aluminum wire and cable products in lengths less than six feet, whether or not included in equipment already assembled at the time of importation.

The merchandise covered by the *Orders* is currently classifiable under subheading 8544.49.9000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

¹⁷ See *Orders*.

Products subject to the scope may also enter under HTSUS subheading 8544.42.9090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the *Orders* is dispositive.

Appendix II

Merchandise Subject to the Scope and Circumvention Inquiries

The scope and circumvention inquiries cover AWC completed in Vietnam using AWC inputs (*e.g.*, stranded wire and cables or unfinished AWC) of Chinese-origin that is subsequently exported from Vietnam to the United States.

Available evidence shows that AWC inputs from China are processed in Vietnam and subsequently exported to the United States. These inquiries cover exports of AWC made using inputs of Chinese-origin that undergo further processing in Vietnam.

These preliminary determinations apply to all shipments of inquiry merchandise on or after the date of the initiation of these circumvention and scope inquiries (*i.e.*, October 19, 2023). Importers and exporters of AWC from Vietnam, even where preliminarily determined to be out of scope, must still certify that merchandise is not subject to our country-wide finding of circumvention. Otherwise, their merchandise may be subject to antidumping and countervailing duties.

Appendix III

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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 - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Should Revise its Analysis Under Section 781(b)(2)(E) of the Act
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Appendix IV

IMPORTER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

(A) My name is {IMPORTING COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME} and I am an official of {NAME OF IMPORTING COMPANY}, located at {ADDRESS OF IMPORTING COMPANY}.

(B) I have direct personal knowledge of the facts regarding the importation into the Customs territory of the United States of the aluminum wire and cable (AWC) assembled

or completed in Vietnam that under entry summary number(s), identified below, and are covered by this certification. "Direct personal knowledge" refers to facts the certifying party is expected to have in its own records. For example, the importer should have direct personal knowledge of the importation of AWC, including the exporter's and/or foreign seller's identity and location.

(C) If the importer is acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer, include the following sentence as paragraph C of this certification:

The AWC covered by this certification was imported by {IMPORTING COMPANY} on behalf of {U.S. CUSTOMER}, located at {ADDRESS OF U.S. CUSTOMER}.

If the importer is not acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer, include the following sentence as paragraph C of this certification:

{NAME OF IMPORTING COMPANY} is not acting on behalf of the first U.S. customer.

(D) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHOM THE MERCHANDISE WAS FIRST SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(E) I have personal knowledge of the facts regarding the production of the imported products covered by this certification. "Personal knowledge" includes facts obtained from another party, (*e.g.*, correspondence received by the importer (or exporter) from the producer regarding the source of the inputs (*i.e.*, aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire) used to produce the imported AWC).

(F) This certification applies to the following entries (repeat this block as many times as necessary):

Entry Summary #:
 Entry Summary Line Item #:
 Foreign Seller:
 Foreign Seller's Address:
 Foreign Seller's Invoice #:
 Foreign Seller's Invoice Line Item #:
 Country of Origin of HRS:
 Producer:
 Producer's Address:

(G) The AWC covered by this certification does not contain aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire produced in the People's Republic of China.

(H) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to maintain a copy of this certification and sufficient documentation supporting this certification (*i.e.*, documents maintained in the normal course of business, or documents obtained by the certifying party, for example, certificates of origin, product data sheets, mill test reports, production records, invoices, etc.) until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the date of the latest entry covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in the United States courts regarding such entries.

(I) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to maintain a copy of the exporter's certification (attesting to the production and/or exportation of the imported merchandise identified above), and any supporting documentation provided to the importer by the exporter, until the later

of: (1) the date that is five years after the date of the latest entry covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in United States courts regarding such entries.

(J) I understand that {IMPORTING COMPANY} is required to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and/or the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) with the importer certification, and any supporting documentation, and a copy of the exporter's certification, and any supporting documentation provided to the importer by the exporter, upon request of either agency.

(K) I understand that the claims made herein, and the substantiating documentation, are subject to verification by CBP and/or Commerce.

(L) I understand that failure to maintain the required certification and supporting documentation, or failure to substantiate the claims made herein, or not allowing CBP and/or Commerce to verify the claims made herein, may result in a *de facto* determination that all entries to which this certification applies are within the scope of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on AWC from China. I understand that such finding will result in:

- (i) suspension of liquidation of all unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) for which these requirements were not met;
- (ii) the importer being required to post the cash deposits determined by Commerce; and
- (iii) the importer no longer being allowed to participate in the certification process.

(M) I understand that agents of the importer, such as brokers, are not permitted to make this certification.

(N) This certification was completed at time of shipment or within 45 days of the date on which Commerce issued its preliminary circumvention determination implementing the certification regime.

(O) I am aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. government.

Signature
 {NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
 {TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}
 {DATE}

Exporter Certification

The party that made the sale to the United States should fill out the exporter certification.

I hereby certify that:

(A) My name is {COMPANY OFFICIAL'S NAME} and I am an official of {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES}; located at {ADDRESS OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES}.

(B) I have direct personal knowledge of the facts regarding the production and exportation of the aluminum wire and cable (AWC) for which sales are identified below. "Direct personal knowledge" refers to facts the certifying party is expected to have in its own records. For example, an exporter should have direct personal knowledge of the producer's identity and location.

(C) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHOM THE MERCHANDISE WAS FIRST SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH THE MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(D) The AWC covered by this certification does not contain aluminum wire rod, aluminum wire strand, or aluminum wire produced in the People's Republic of China.

(E) This certification applies to the following sales to {NAME OF U.S. CUSTOMER}, located at {ADDRESS OF U.S. CUSTOMER} (repeat this block as many times as necessary):

Foreign Seller's Invoice # to U.S. Customer:
Foreign Seller's Invoice to U.S. Customer

Line item #:

Producer Name:

Producer's Address:

Producer's Invoice # to Foreign Seller: (If the foreign seller and the producer are the same party, put NA here.)

Name of Producer of AWC:

Location (Country) of Producer of AWC:

(F) The AWC covered by this certification was shipped to {NAME OF U.S. PARTY TO WHOM MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}, located at {U.S. ADDRESS TO WHICH MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED}.

(G) I understand that {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES} is required to maintain a copy of this certification and sufficient documentation supporting this certification (*i.e.*, documents maintained in the normal course of business, or documents obtained by the certifying party, for example, product data sheets, mill test reports, productions records, invoices, *etc.*) until the later of: (1) the date that is five years after the latest date of the entries covered by the certification; or (2) the date that is three years after the conclusion of any litigation in the United States courts regarding such entries.

(H) I understand that {NAME OF FOREIGN COMPANY THAT MADE THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES} is required to provide the U.S. importer with a copy of this certification and is required to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and/or the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) with this certification, and any supporting documents, upon request of either agency.

(I) I understand that the claims made herein, and the substantiating documentation, are subject to verification by CBP and/or Commerce.

(J) I understand that failure to maintain the required certification and supporting documentation, or failure to substantiate the claims made herein, or not allowing CBP and/or Commerce to verify the claims made herein, may result in a *de facto* determination that all sales to which this certification applies are within the scope of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on AWC from China. I understand that such a finding will result in:

(i) suspension of all unliquidated entries (and entries for which liquidation has not become final) for which these requirements were not met;

(ii) the importer being required to post the cash deposits determined by Commerce; and

(iii) the seller/exporter no longer being allowed to participate in the certification process.

(K) I understand that agents of the seller/exporter, such as freight forwarding companies or brokers, are not permitted to make this certification.

(L) This certification was completed at time of shipment or within 45 days of the date on which Commerce issued its preliminary circumvention determination implementing the certification regime.

(M) I am aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. government.

Signature

{NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}

{TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}

{DATE}

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Combined Community Bank Advisory Council and Credit Union Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Community Bank Advisory Council (CBAC or Council) and the Credit Union Advisory Council (CUAC or Council) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The notice also describes the functions of the Councils.

DATES: The meeting date is Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from approximately 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern time. This meeting will be held virtually and is open to the general public. Members of the public will receive the agenda and dial-in information when they RSVP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim George, Outreach and Engagement Associate, Advisory Board and Councils, External Affairs Division, at 202-450-8617, or email: CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 2 of the CBAC and CUAC Charters provide that pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the CFPB by section 1012 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform

and Consumer Protection Act, the Director of the CFPB renews the discretionary Community Bank Advisory Council and the Credit Union Advisory Council under agency authority in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

Section 3 of the CBAC and CUAC Charters state that the purpose of the CBAC and CUAC is to advise the CFPB in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to community banks with total assets of \$10 billion or less.

II. Agenda

The CBAC and CUAC will discuss broad policy matters related to the Bureau's Unified Regulatory Agenda and general scope of authority.

If you require any additional reasonable accommodation(s) in order to attend this event, please contact the Reasonable Accommodations team at CFPB_ReasonableAccommodations@cfpb.gov, 48 business hours prior to the start of this event. Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov, a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the CBAC and CUAC members for consideration. Individuals who wish to join this meeting must RSVP via this link https://surveys.consumerfinance.gov/jfe/form/SV_cLJVOSnuTYEFF5A.

III. Availability

The Councils' agenda will be made available to the public on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, via consumerfinance.gov.

A recording and summary of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau's website consumerfinance.gov.

Jocelyn Sutton,

Deputy Chief of Staff, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Consumer Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public

meeting of the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB or Board) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The notice also describes the functions of the Board.

DATES: The meeting date is Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from approximately 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., eastern time. This meeting will be held virtually and is open to the general public. Members of the public will receive the agenda and dial-in information when they RSVP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim George, Outreach and Engagement Associate, Advisory Board and Councils, External Affairs Division, at 202-450-8617, or email: CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 3 of the Charter of the Board states that: The purpose of the CAB is outlined in section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which states that the CAB shall “advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws” and “provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.”

To carry out the CAB’s purpose, the scope of its activities shall include providing information, analysis, and recommendations to the CFPB. The CAB will generally serve as a vehicle for trends and themes in the consumer finance marketplace for the CFPB. Its objectives will include identifying and assessing the impact on consumers and other market participants of new, emerging, and changing products, practices, or services.

II. Agenda

The CAB will discuss broad policy matters related to the Bureau’s Unified Regulatory Agenda and general scope of authority.

If you require any additional reasonable accommodation(s) in order to attend this event, please contact the Reasonable Accommodations team at CFPB_ReasonableAccommodations@cfpb.gov 48 hours prior to the start of this event.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov, a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be

provided to the CAB members for consideration. Individuals who wish to join this meeting must RSVP via this link https://surveys.consumerfinance.gov/jfe/form/SV_afLvZivfwA0YlsW.

III. Availability

The Board’s agenda will be made available to the public on Monday, February 10, 2025, via [consumerfinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov).

A recording and summary of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau’s website [consumerfinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov).

Jocelyn Sutton,

Deputy Chief of Staff, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 25-C0002]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Stipulation, Order and Judgement, etc.; Fitbit, LLC

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** any settlement that it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act. Published below is a provisionally accepted Settlement Agreement with Fitbit, LLC, containing a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,250,000 subject to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to provisionally accept the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order pertaining to Fitbit, LLC.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by February 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to Comment 25-C0002, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (240) 863-8938 (mobile), (301) 504-7479 (office); email: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Raffman, Senior Trial Attorney, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, Office of Compliance and Field

Operations, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; mrffman@cpsc.gov; 301-504-5906 (office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Settlement Agreement and Order appear below.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Brianna Bell,

Paralegal Specialist.

United States of America

Consumer Product Safety Commission

In the Matter of: Fitbit LLC, CPSC
Docket No.: 25-0002

Settlement Agreement

1. In accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089 (“CPSA”), and 16 CFR 1118.20, Fitbit LLC (“Fitbit” or “the Firm”), and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission” or “CPSC”), through its staff, hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement and the incorporated attached Order resolve staff’s charges set forth below.

The Parties

2. The Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency, established pursuant to, and responsible for, the enforcement of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089. By executing the Agreement, staff is acting on behalf of the Commission, pursuant to 16 CFR 1118.20(b). The Commission issues the Order under the provisions of the CPSA.

3. Fitbit is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California.

Staff Charges

4. Between 2017 and 2021, Fitbit imported and distributed in the United States approximately 1.02 million Fitbit Ionic smartwatches (collectively, the “Subject Products”).

5. The Subject Products are “consumer products” that were “manufactured” and “import[ed]” and “distribut[ed] in commerce,” as those terms are defined or used in sections 3(a)(5), (8), and (9) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), and (9). Fitbit is a “manufacturer” and “distributor” of the Subject Products, as such terms are defined in sections 3(a)(8) and (11) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(8) and (11).

Violation of CPSA Section 19(a)(4)

6. The Subject Products contain a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or create an unreasonable risk of serious injury because the batteries in the Subject

Products can overheat, posing a serious burn hazard to consumers.

7. During 2018 and 2019 and continuing into 2020, Fitbit received numerous reports of the Subject Products overheating while being worn by consumers, causing some consumers to sustain burns including second-degree and third-degree burns on their arms or wrists.

8. In early 2020, Fitbit initiated a firmware update to mitigate the potential for battery overheating; however, Fitbit continued to receive reports of consumers suffering burns due to the product overheating.

9. Despite possessing information that reasonably supported the conclusion that the Subject Products contained a defect that could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury, Fitbit did not immediately report to the Commission.

10. The Commission and Fitbit jointly announced a recall of the Subject Products on March 2, 2022. The press release announcing the recall stated that the Firm had received at least 115 reports in the United States of the battery in the smartwatch overheating, with 78 reports of burn injuries in the United States including two reports of third-degree burns and four reports of second-degree burns.

Failure To Timely Report

11. Despite having information reasonably supporting the conclusion that the Subject Products contained a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, Fitbit did not notify the Commission immediately of such defect or risk, as required by sections 15(b)(3) and (4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3), (4), in violation of section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4).

12. Because the information in Fitbit's possession about the Subject Products constituted actual and presumed knowledge, Fitbit knowingly violated section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), as the term "knowingly" is defined in section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d).

13. Pursuant to section 20 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069, Fitbit is subject to civil penalties for its knowing violation of section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4).

Response of Fitbit

14. This Agreement does not constitute an admission by Fitbit to the staff's charges as set forth in paragraphs 4 through 13 above, including without

limitation that the Subject Products contained a defect that could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death; that Fitbit failed to notify the Commission in a timely matter in accordance with section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b); and that Fitbit knowingly violated section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), as the term "knowingly" is defined in section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d).

15. Fitbit notified the Commission under Section 15(b) of the CPSA and conducted a voluntary Fast Track recall of the Subject Products, which was announced on March 2, 2022.

16. Fitbit enters into this Agreement to settle this matter and to avoid the cost, distraction, delay, uncertainty, and inconvenience of protracted litigation or other proceedings. Fitbit does not admit that it violated the CPSA or any other law, and Fitbit's willingness to enter into this Agreement and Order does not constitute, nor is it evidence of, an admission by Fitbit of liability, or violation of any law.

Agreement of the Parties

17. Under the CPSA, the Commission has jurisdiction over the matter involving the Subject Products and over Fitbit.

18. The parties enter into the Agreement for settlement purposes only. The Agreement does not constitute an admission by Fitbit or a determination by the Commission that Fitbit violated the CPSA.

19. In settlement of staff's charges, Fitbit shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of twelve million, two-hundred-fifty thousand dollars (\$12,250,000). The \$12,250,000 Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving service of the Commission's final Order accepting the Agreement. All payments to be made under the Agreement shall constitute debts owing to the United States and shall be made by electronic wire transfer to the United States via <http://www.pay.gov>, for allocation to, and credit against, the payment obligations of Fitbit under this Agreement. Failure to make such payment by the date specified in the Commission's final Order shall constitute Default.

20. The Commission or the United States may seek enforcement for any breach of, or any failure to comply with, any provision of this Agreement and Order in United States District Court, to seek relief including, but not limited to, collecting amounts due.

21. All unpaid amounts, if any, due and owing under the Agreement, shall constitute a debt due and immediately

owing by Fitbit to the United States, and interest shall accrue and be paid by Fitbit at the federal legal rate of interest set forth at 28 U.S.C. 1961(a) and (b) from the date of Default, until all amounts due have been paid in full (hereinafter "Default Payment Amount" and "Default Interest Balance"). Fitbit shall consent to a Consent Judgment in the amount of the Default Payment Amount and Default Interest Balance, and the United States, at its sole option, may collect the entire Default Payment Amount and Default Interest Balance, or exercise any other rights granted by law or in equity, including, but not limited to, referring such matters for private collection, and Fitbit agrees not to contest, and hereby waives and discharges any defenses to, any collection action undertaken by the United States, or its agents or contractors, pursuant to this paragraph. Fitbit shall pay the United States all reasonable costs of collection and enforcement under this paragraph, respectively, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

22. After staff receives this Agreement executed on behalf of Fitbit, staff shall promptly submit the Agreement to the Commission for provisional acceptance. Promptly following provisional acceptance of the Agreement by the Commission, the Agreement shall be placed on the public record and published in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1118.20(e). If the Commission does not receive any written request not to accept the Agreement within fifteen (15) calendar days, the Agreement shall be deemed finally accepted on the 16th calendar day after the date the Agreement is published in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 16 CFR 1118.20(f).

23. This Agreement is conditioned upon, and subject to, the Commission's final acceptance, as set forth above, and it is subject to the provisions of 16 CFR 1118.20(h). Upon the later of: (i) the Commission's final acceptance of this Agreement and service of the accepted Agreement upon Fitbit, and (ii) the date of issuance of the final Order, this Agreement shall be in full force and effect, and shall be binding upon the parties.

24. Effective upon the later of: (1) the Commission's final acceptance of the Agreement and service of the accepted Agreement upon Fitbit and (2) the date of issuance of the final Order, for good and valuable consideration, Fitbit hereby expressly and irrevocably waives and agrees not to assert any past, present, or future rights to the following,

in connection with the matter described in this Agreement:

- (i) an administrative or judicial hearing;
- (ii) judicial review or other challenge or contest of the Commission's actions;
- (iii) a determination by the Commission of whether Fitbit failed to comply with the CPSA and the underlying regulations;
- (iv) a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and
- (v) any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

25. Fitbit shall maintain a compliance program ("Compliance Program") designed to ensure compliance with the CPSA with respect to any consumer product imported, manufactured, distributed or sold by Fitbit in the United States, which shall contain the following elements:

(i) written standards, policies, and procedures, including those designed to ensure that information that may relate to or impact CPSA compliance is conveyed effectively to personnel responsible for CPSA compliance, whether or not an injury has been reported;

(ii) procedures and systems for tracking and reviewing claims, including warranty claims, and reports for safety concerns and for implementing corrective and preventive actions when compliance deficiencies or violations are identified;

(iii) procedures requiring that information required to be disclosed by Fitbit to the Commission is recorded, processed, and reported in accordance with applicable law;

(iv) procedures requiring that all reporting made to the Commission is timely, truthful, complete, accurate, and in accordance with applicable law;

(v) procedures requiring that prompt disclosure is made to Fitbit management of any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of such internal controls that are reasonably likely to affect adversely, in any material respect, Fitbit's ability to record, process and report to the Commission in accordance with applicable law;

(vi) mechanisms to effectively communicate to all applicable Fitbit employees, through training programs or other means, compliance-related company policies and procedures to prevent violations of the CPSA;

(vii) a mechanism for confidential employee reporting of compliance-related questions or concerns to either a compliance officer or to another senior manager with authority to act as necessary;

(viii) Fitbit's senior management responsibility for, and general board oversight of, CPSA compliance, including the implementation of steps to ensure that incident and injury data is reviewed and analyzed for purposes of CPSA Section 15(b) reporting;

(ix) for one (1) year, an internal audit of the Compliance Program that evaluates opportunities for improvement, deficiencies or weaknesses, and the Firm's overall culture of compliance; and

(x) retention of all CPSA compliance-related records for at least five (5) years, and availability of such records to CPSC staff upon request.

26. Fitbit shall submit a report under CPSA Section 16(b), sworn to under penalty of perjury:

(i) describing in detail its compliance program and internal controls and the actions Fitbit has taken to comply with each subparagraph of paragraph 25;

(ii) affirming that during the reporting period, Fitbit has reviewed its compliance program and internal controls, including the actions referenced in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, for effectiveness, and that it complies with each subparagraph of paragraph 25, or describing in detail any non-compliance with any such subparagraph; and

(iii) identifying the results of the internal audit referenced in paragraph 25(ix) and any changes or modifications made during the reporting period to Fitbit's compliance program or internal controls to ensure compliance with the terms of the CPSA and, in particular, the requirements of CPSA Section 15 related to timely reporting.

Such report shall be submitted to the Director, Office of Compliance, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, 30 days after the close of the 12-month reporting period, which begins on the date of the Commission's Final Order of Acceptance of the Agreement. Without limitation, Fitbit acknowledges and agrees that failure to make such timely and accurate reports, as required by this Agreement and Order, may constitute a violation of Section 19(a)(3) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(3), and may subject Fitbit to enforcement under Section 22 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2071.

27. Notwithstanding and in addition to the above, during the one-year reporting period, Fitbit shall promptly provide written documentation of any changes or modifications to its compliance program or internal controls and procedures, including the effective dates of the changes or modifications thereto. Fitbit shall cooperate fully and truthfully with staff and shall make available all non-privileged information

and materials and personnel deemed necessary by staff to evaluate Fitbit's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.

28. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Commission may publicize the terms of the Agreement and the Order.

29. Fitbit represents that the Agreement:

(i) is entered into freely and voluntarily, without any degree of duress or compulsion whatsoever;

(ii) has been duly authorized; and
(iii) constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Fitbit, enforceable against Fitbit in accordance with its terms. The individuals signing the Agreement on behalf of Fitbit represent and warrant that they are duly authorized by Fitbit to execute the Agreement.

30. The signatories represent that they are authorized to execute this Agreement.

31. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States.

32. The Agreement and the Order shall apply to, and be binding upon, Fitbit and each of its parents, successors, transferees, and assigns; and a violation of the Agreement or Order may subject Fitbit, and each of its parents, successors, transferees, and assigns, to appropriate legal action.

33. The Agreement, any attachments, and the Order constitute the complete agreement between the parties on the subject matter contained therein.

34. The Agreement may be used in interpreting the Order. Understandings, agreements, representations, or interpretations apart from those contained in the Agreement and the Order may not be used to vary or contradict their terms. For purposes of construction, the Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted by both of the parties and shall not, therefore, be construed against any party, for that reason, in any subsequent dispute.

35. The Agreement may not be waived, amended, modified, or otherwise altered, except as in accordance with the provisions of 16 CFR 1118.20(h). The Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

36. If any provision of the Agreement or the Order is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the terms of the Agreement and the Order, such provision shall be fully severable. The balance of the Agreement and the Order shall remain in full force and effect, unless the Commission and Fitbit agree in writing that severing the provision materially affects the purpose of the Agreement and the Order.
(Signatures on next page)

FITBIT LLC

Dated: 1/6/2025.

By: /s/

Kenneth H. Yi,
Fitbit LLC Authorized Signatory.

Dated: 1/6/2025.

By: /s/

Matthew Howsare,
Cooley LLP Counsel to Fitbit LLC.

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
COMMISSION

Leah W. Ippolito,
Supervisory Attorney.

Dated: 1/6/2025.

By: /s/

Mark S. Raffman,
Senior Trial Attorney, Division of
Enforcement and Litigation, Office of
Compliance and Field Operations.

United States of America

Consumer Product Safety Commission

In the Matter of: Fitbit LLC, CPSC
Docket No.: 25–0002

Order

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into between Fitbit LLC (“Fitbit”) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission” or “CPSC”), and the Commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Fitbit, and it appearing that the Settlement Agreement is in the public interest, the Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference and it is:

Provisionally accepted and this Order issued on the 22nd day of January, 2025.

By Order of the Commission:

/s/

Alberta E. Mills,
Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement Addressing Heat and Electrical Upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army (Army) is supplementing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) addressing heat and electrical upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The current coal-fired central heat and power plant (CHPP) and its aging heat distribution system require an upgrade that resolves safety, resiliency, fiscal,

and regulatory concerns. After publication of the Final EIS Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2023, the Army determined that additional analysis is required prior to the Army executing a Record of Decision.

DATES: The Army anticipates publishing a NOA in 2025 for the Supplemental Final EIS. The public will be invited to comment on the Supplemental Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Digital copies of the EIS documents are available online at: <https://home.army.mil/wainwright/about/garrison/public-works/environmental/national-environmental-policy-act-nepa/environmental-impact-statements/Heat-and-Electrical-Upgrades-Environmental-Impact-Statement>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Grant Sattler by: regular mail at Public Affairs Office, AMIM–AKG–PA (Sattler), 1060 Gaffney Road #5900, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703–5900; telephone at (907) 353–6701; or email at alan.g.sattler.civ@army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Wainwright is in the interior of Alaska in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Fort Wainwright is home to U.S. Army Garrison—Alaska (USAG-Alaska) and units of the 11th Airborne Division. The soldiers, families, and civilian employees who make up the Fort Wainwright population rely on a 68-year-old coal-fired CHPP and an aged heat distribution system to heat and power more than 400 facilities. The CHPP is one of the oldest working coal-fired power plants in the United States and is operating beyond its design life. Within the last decade, the installation has experienced critical, near-catastrophic failures of the CHPP and unexpected, installation-wide outages due to maintenance, repair, and operational issues.

Unexpected outages present substantial risk to safety and to mission readiness. Constructing upgraded heat and electrical infrastructure would reduce utility costs, minimize the risk of a catastrophic failure, help safeguard mission readiness, meet energy efficiency standards, comply with emissions standards, and conform to Army-directed energy security criteria.

USAG-Alaska is proposing to upgrade its coal-fired CHPP at Fort Wainwright to a more reliable and sustainable heating and electrical system that would comply with Army installation energy security requirements and with applicable air quality standards. The purpose of the proposed action is to

provide reliable heat and electrical infrastructure for the installation in order to resolve safety, resiliency, fiscal, and regulatory concerns. The Army needs to prevent the potential failure of heat and power generation and distribution. Such a failure could require evacuation of the installation and severely affect mission readiness.

The alternatives the Army is considering are: (1) construction of a new coal-fired CHPP; (2) construction of a new, dual-fuel, combustion turbine generator CHPP that would be primarily fueled by natural gas; (3) decentralization of heat and power, whereby heat would be provided by distributed natural gas boilers at facilities across the installation and electricity would be purchased from a local utility provider; and (4) continued operation of the current plant with periodic upgrades (*i.e.*, the No-Action Alternative).

The Supplemental Final EIS will update: information regarding fuel source availability, transportation, and infrastructure requirements; information on alternative technologies; comparative greenhouse gas emissions; and socio-economic impacts. Updates regarding greenhouse gas emissions will reflect the Council on Environmental Quality’s guidance on considering greenhouse gases.

The Army anticipates publishing a NOA in the **Federal Register** in 2025 to invite the public to comment on the Supplemental Final EIS. This process is consistent with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1502.9(d) and 1503.1(b), and with 32 CFR 651.5(g)(1), 651.24, and 651.45(l).

No earlier than 30 days after publication of the Supplemental Final EIS, the Army will sign a Record of Decision.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the commission received the following accounting Request filings:

Docket Numbers: AC25–49–000.

Applicants: Entergy Services, LLC, Entergy New Orleans, LLC.

Description: Entergy Services LLC, et al. submits request for a limited waiver

of Distribution Expense Account 593, Maintenance of overhead lines (Major only) re permission of capitalization of anticipated asset transfer cost, etc.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5078.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER21-209-004.

Applicants: PECO Energy Company, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing: PECO Energy Company submits tariff filing per 35: PECO Clean-Up Filing to Adopt Certain Approved Updates into Att H-7A to be effective 5/29/2020.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5082.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER21-1365-003.

Applicants: Fowler Ridge IV Wind Farm LLC.

Description: Informational Filing Regarding Upstream Transfer of Ownership and Request for Confidential Treatment, Waiver, and Expedited Action of Fowler Ridge IV Wind Farm LLC.

Filed Date: 1/13/25.

Accession Number: 20250113-5228.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/3/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-232-003.

Applicants: New York Transco, LLC, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: NY Transco Compliance: Propel NY Settlement to be effective 12/27/2023.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5176.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-1614-003.

Applicants: Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: O&R Compliance re: Rate Schedules 10 and 19 to be effective 5/25/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5057.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-1993-001.

Applicants: NorthWestern Corporation.

Description: Compliance filing: Order 2023 Second Compliance Filing to be effective 7/10/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5108.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-2038-001.

Applicants: UNS Electric, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Order Nos. 2023 and 2023-A Second Compliance Filing to be effective 8/15/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5102.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-2563-002.

Applicants: Sheetz Energy Inc. Sheetz Energy Amended MBR Application Filing to be effective 9/30/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-871-001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. *Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2025-01-17_SA 3258 Big Rivers Electric-Clover Creek Solar Sub 2nd Rev GIA (J753) to be effective 12/30/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5074.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-962-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Interface Pricing Reform Proposal to be effective 3/19/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5016.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-963-000.

Applicants: Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Filing of LGIA with DUTC bn, LLC to be effective 12/19/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5037.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-964-000.

Applicants: International Transmission Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-01-17_SA 4435 ITCTransmission-DTE Electric E&P (J2676) to be effective 1/16/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5067.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-965-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-01-17_SA 4432 ITCTransmission-DTE Electric GIA (Greenwood Energy Center) to be effective 1/13/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5070.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-967-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Administrative Clean-Up Filing, Tariff, Schedule 6A to be effective 12/1/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5099.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-968-000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-01-17 Capacity Procurement Mechanism Tariff Amendment to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5130.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-969-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, SA No. 5619; Queue No. AC1-221/AD1-058 to be effective 3/19/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5171.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-970-000.

Applicants: New England Power Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 01-17-25 Filing to Revise Depreciation Rates Contained in Service Agmt. No. 20 to be effective 10/1/2024.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5184.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3255-016]

Lyonsdale Associates, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 3255.

c. *Date Filed:* May 29, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Lyonsdale Associates, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Lyonsdale Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Moose River in Lewis County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* David H. Fox, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, 7315 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 1100W, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone at (201) 306-5616; email at david.fox@eaglecreekre.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Wolcott, Project Coordinator, Great Lakes Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-6480; email at kelly.wolcott@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* February 16, 2025.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659

(TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Lyonsdale Hydroelectric Project (P-3255-016).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The Lyonsdale Project includes a dam that consists of: (1) a 27.5-foot-long intake structure with two 10.5-foot-long slide gates that are equipped with a trashrack with 2.6-inch clear bar spacing; (2) a 57-foot-long non-overflow section with a 5-foot-long debris sluice gate; (3) a 149-foot-long section that includes: (a) a 21.5-foot-long spillway with 1.7-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 1,065.9 feet National Geodetic Vertical Dam of 1929 (NGVD 29); (b) a 28.5-foot-long section with a 20.5-foot-long Pelican gate; and (c) an 85.3-foot-long spillway with 3-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 1,065.9 feet NGVD 29; (4) a 39.5-foot-long overflow section that includes a 33.5-foot-long spillway with 3-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 1,065.9 feet NGVD 29; (5) a 185-foot-long earthen embankment; and (6) a 48-foot-long overflow section that includes a 38-foot-long spillway with 3-foot-high flashboards that have a crest elevation of 1,065.9 feet NGVD 29.

The dam creates an impoundment that has a surface area of 9 acres at an elevation of 1,065.9 feet NGVD 29. The impoundment includes a 100-foot-long forebay. From the forebay, water flows through the two sluice gates of the intake structure to a 52-foot-long penstock and a 26-foot-long penstock that convey water to two 1.5-MW vertical Kaplan turbine-generators located in a 35-foot-wide, 58-foot-long powerhouse, for a total installed

capacity of 3 MW. Water is discharged from the turbines to an approximately 450-foot-long tailrace that discharges to the Moose River.

The project creates the following bypassed reach segments: (1) an approximately 200-foot-long southern segment; and (2) an approximately 70-foot-long segment that bifurcates into an approximately 350-foot-long middle segment and an approximately 580-foot-long northern segment.

Electricity generated at the project is transmitted to the electric grid via two 400-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt (kV) generator lead lines and a 4.16/115-kV step-up transformer.

The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the powerhouse are 260 and 1,400 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively. The average annual energy production of the project from 2016 through 2023, was 10,745 megawatt-hours.

Existing project recreation facilities include: (1) an access trail on the north shoreline of the impoundment that consists of an approximately 1,000-foot-long "North Bank Recreation Trail" and an approximately 1,000-foot-long portage trail; and (2) a parking area on the 185-foot-long earthen embankment.

Lyonsdale Associates operates the project in a run-of-river mode by maintaining the surface elevation of the impoundment at the flashboard crest elevation of 1,065.9 feet NGVD 29.

Lyonsdale Associates proposes to: (1) continue operating the project in a run-of-river mode; (2) release a minimum flow of 33 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, to the bypassed reach from April 1 through November 30; (3) implement an Invasive Species Management Plan and a Bat and Eagle Management Plan filed in Appendix C of the license application; (4) consult with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the need for any measures prior to any ground-disturbing activities; and (5) stop work and consult with the New York SHPO on the need for any measures if previously unidentified cultural resources are discovered during any future construction activities at the project.

Lyonsdale Associates also proposes measures for providing recreation opportunities, including: (1) continue maintaining the access trail on the north shoreline of the impoundment, including the North Bank Recreation Trail and portage trail; (2) maintain an existing impoundment access site, portage put-in site, picnic area, and South Bank Recreation Area as project recreation facilities; (3) update and maintain project recreation signs; (4) install new directional signs for the

portage route and North Bank Recreation Trail; and (5) install barriers at the picnic area and portage trail to deter all-terrain vehicle access.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the project's docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-3255). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

You may also register at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support.

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n. *Scoping Process:*

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff will prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS) (collectively referred to as the "NEPA document") that describes and evaluates the probable effects, including an assessment of the site-specific and cumulative effects, if any, of the proposed action and alternatives. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether the Commission issues an EA or an EIS.

At this time, we do not anticipate holding on-site scoping meetings. Instead, we are soliciting written comments and suggestions on the preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the NEPA document, as described in scoping document 1 (SD1), issued January 16, 2025.

Copies of the SD1 outlining the proposed project and subject areas to be addressed in the NEPA document were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of SD1 may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC24-125-000.

Applicants: Darby Power, LLC, Gavin Power, LLC, Lawrenceburg Power, LLC, Waterford Power, LLC, Lightstone Marketing LLC, ECP ControlCo, LLC.

Description: Darby Power, LLC, et al. submit response to FERC's 01/06/2025 deficiency letter, request for shortened comment period and request for expedited Commission action.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG25-78-000.

Applicants: Powell Creek Solar, LLC.

Description: Powell Creek Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5199.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER24-2217-001.

Applicants: SunZia Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Orders 2023 & 2023—A Second Compliance Filing (ER24-2217-) to be effective 1/20/2025.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5111.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-216-001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing—Revisions to Clarify Language Regarding MSRs to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5064.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-703-001.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 1628R27 Western Farmers Electric

Cooperative NITSA NOAs to be effective 12/1/2024.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5113.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-971-000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Construction Agreement Logan City Bypass (RS No. 793) to be effective 3/19/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5187.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-972-000.

Applicants: Citi Prepaid Energy LLC.

Description: Initial Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Application to be effective 3/19/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5212.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-973-000.

Applicants: RWE Clean Energy Development, LLC.

Description: Request for Limited Waiver, Shortened Comment Period, and Expedited Consideration of RWE Clean Energy Development, LLC.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117-5224.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-974-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: GIA, SA No. 7474; PI No. AF2-352; Cancellation of ISA, SA 2550; Queue No. S28 to be effective 12/19/2024.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-975-000.

Applicants: Kingman Energy Storage LLC.

Description: Initial Rate Filing: Market-Based Rate Application to be effective 3/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5135.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-976-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA Service Agreement No. 7472; Project Identifier No. AF1-090 to be effective 12/19/2024.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5139.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-977-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-01-21_SA 4433 ITC Transmission-DTE Electric GIA (Belle

River Power Plant) to be effective 1/13/2025.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5149.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–978–000.

Applicants: Great River Energy.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing;

2025–01–21 SA 4430 GRE–SMMPA TIA (Medford Substation) to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5151.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–979–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing;

Original GIA Service Agreement No. 7473; Project Identifier #AF2–408 to be effective 12/20/2024.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5159.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–980–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing;

Correction to Original GIA, SA No. 7399; Project Identifier No. AF2–233 to be effective 10/16/2024.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5180.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/11/25.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric securities filings:

Docket Numbers: ES25–28–000; ES25–29–000.

Applicants: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., South Carolina Generating Company, Inc.

Description: Application Under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act for Authorization to Issue Securities of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5228.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/7/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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Dated: January 21, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC25–8–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725D); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC–725D (Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards). This notice for the transfer of FAC–003–5 (725M) and FAC–008–5 (725A) to 725D.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due March 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC25–8–000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed

by USPS mail or by other delivery methods:

- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- **All other delivery services:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at (866) 208–3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Williams may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–6468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC–725D, Facilities Design, Connections and Maintenance Reliability Standards.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0247.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC–725D information collection requirements, with changes to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements. (There are adjustments to the estimates to update the totals to add in the FAC–003–5 and FAC–008–5).

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, The Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), was enacted into law. EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently. In 2006, the Commission certified NERC (now called the North American Electric Reliability Corporation) as the ERO pursuant to section 215 of the FPA. On March 16, 2007 (pursuant to section 215(d) of the FPA), the Commission issued Order No. 693, approving 83 of the 107 initial Reliability Standards filed by NERC. In the intervening years, numerous changes have been made to update, eliminate, or establish various Reliability Standards.

The information collected by FERC–725D is required to implement the

statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824c). Pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ in Order 836,² the Commission approved the following standards: FAC-003-5 is set out to maintain a reliable electric transmission system by using a defense-in-depth strategy to manage vegetation located on transmission rights of way (ROW) and minimize encroachments from vegetation located adjacent to the ROW, thus preventing the risk of those vegetation-related outages that could lead to Cascading. FAC-003-5 is applicable to TOs and GOs and NERC has incorporated Applicability Sections 4.2.2 and 4.3.1.2 of FAC-003-5 to

replace references to “elements of an IROL under NERC Standard FAC-014 by the Planning Coordinator” with references to facilities:
 “Identified by the Planning Coordinator or Transmission Planner, per its Planning Assessment of the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon as a Facility that if lost or degraded are expected to result in instances of instability, Cascading, or uncontrolled separation that adversely impacts the reliability of the Bulk Electric System for a planning event.”
 Reliability Standard FAC-008-5 ensures that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are

determined based on technically sound principles. A Facility Rating is essential for the determination of System Operating Limits.
Type of Respondents: TO& GO.³
Estimate of Annual Burden⁴ and Cost: The Commission estimates an increase (adjustment) in the annual public reporting burden for the FERC-725D. In an effort to target similar NERC Reliability Standards by family the following manhours associated with two FAC (Facilities) Reliability Standards (FAC-008-5 and FAC-003-5) is being transferred from 725A (1902-0244) to the 725D (1902-0247), where other FAC standards are collected, as shown below in the table:

	Number of entity ⁵	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁶	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC-725M to FERC-725D					
Annual Review and Record Retention ...	191(TO)	1	191	1.91 hrs.; \$134.98/hrs	364.81 hrs.; \$25,781.12.
	731(GO)	1	731	.48 hrs.; \$33.92 hrs	349.41 hrs.; \$24,728.14.
Carryover from RD22-2 Exp. 2026	1,393	4	5,572	8 hrs.; \$565.36	44,576 hrs.; \$3,150,185.92.
Total for FAC-003-5	6,494	45,290.22 hrs.; \$3,200,659.85.
	Number of entity ⁷	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁸	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC-725A to FERC-725D					
Annual review and record retention	324 (TO)	1	324	200 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs	64,800 hrs.; \$4,579,416.
	1210 (GO)	1	1,210	80 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs	96,800 hrs.; \$6,840,856.
Total for FAC-008-5	1,534	161,600 hrs.; \$11,420,272.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of

the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 17, 2025.
Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-47-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 10, 2025, Northern Natural Gas Company

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824(o).

² Order 836 in Docket No. RM16-13 was issued on 9/20/2017 and is posted at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14684897>.

³ TO = Transmission Owner; GO = Generator Owner.

⁴ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁵ These values were derived from the NERC Compliance data of April 16, 2024, using only unique United States registered entities.

⁶ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17-2071) \$79.31/hr., 79.31 × .75 = 59.4825 (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43-4199) \$44.74/hr., \$44.74 × .25% = 11.185 (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

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(Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, for authorization to install and operate a new compressor station consisting of one new 11,152 horsepower natural gas-fired compressor turbine unit (Tarzan Compressor Station Project). All of the above facilities are located in Andrews County, Texas and will be tied into Northern's existing TXM15501 pipeline. The project will create 87,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm service, which is fully subscribed. The estimated cost for the project is \$36.1 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Bret Fritch, Regulatory Specialist, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, by phone at (402) 398-7140, or by email at bret.fritch@nngco.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests,

motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 18, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 18, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under

the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 18, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 18, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-47-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

select “Protest”, “Intervention”, or “Comment on a Filing”; or⁶

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25–47–000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Bret Fritch, Regulatory Specialist, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103–0330, or by email (with a link to the document) at bret.fritch@nngco.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25–361–000.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Updated Negotiated Rate Parking and Lending Agreements to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5085.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–362–000.

Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Negotiated Rate Parking and Lending Agreements to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5088.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–363–000.

Applicants: Great Basin Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Compliance filing:

NAESB Version 4.0 to be effective August 1, 2025 to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5107.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

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Dated: January 21, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–46–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 7, 2025, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000, for authorization to abandon one injection/withdrawal well within the Brinker Storage Field, connecting pipeline, and appurtenant facilities (Brinker Well 4374 Abandonment Project), all located in Columbiana County, Ohio. The Brinker Well 4374 Abandonment Project will enable Columbia to limit the integrity risk to the Brinker Storage Field in alignment with the guidance of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Storage Final Rule. The estimated cost of the project is \$727,500, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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Any questions concerning this request should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager, Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, by telephone at (832) 320-5477 or by email at David_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

Public Participation

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Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If

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Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 17, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

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Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 17, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be

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Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 17, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

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(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25-46-000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

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Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street Suite 1300 Houston, Texas 77002–2700, or by email at David_alonzo@tcenergy.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

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Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25–358–000.
Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: PAL Negotiated Rate Agreements 2025–01–17 to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/16/25.

Accession Number: 20250116–5123.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/28/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–359–000.

Applicants: Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.

Description: Compliance filing: Semi-Annual Transporter's Use Report January 2025 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/16/25.

Accession Number: 20250116–5168.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/28/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–360–000.

Applicants: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. submits tariff filing per 154.204: Mex Gas—SP384402 to be effective 2/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5059.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–48–000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 10, 2025, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and ANR's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–480–000, for authorization to abandon four injection/withdrawal (I/W) storage wells, associated pipelines, and appurtenant facilities located in its Loreed Storage Field in Osceola County, Michigan (Loreed Wells Abandonment Project). The estimated cost for the project is \$1,760,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Update to Notice of Financial Institutions for Which the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Has Been Appointed Either Receiver, Liquidator, or Manager

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Update listing of financial institutions in liquidation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Corporation) has been appointed the sole receiver for the following financial institution effective as of the Date Closed as indicated in the listing.

INSTITUTIONS IN LIQUIDATION
[In alphabetical order]

FDIC Ref. No.	Bank name	City	State	Date closed
10548	Pulaski Savings Bank	Chicago	IL	01/17/2025

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Dated at Washington, DC, on January 21, 2025.

Jennifer M. Jones,
Deputy Executive Secretary.

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Individuals who plan to attend in person and who require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk, at (202) 694-1040 or secretary@fec.gov, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Submitted: January 23, 2025.

Laura E. Sinram,
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC (12th Floor) and Virtual.

Note: If you would like to virtually access the meeting, see the instructions below.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. To access the meeting virtually, go to the commission’s website www.fec.gov and click on the banner to be taken to the meeting page.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
Proposed Revisions to Directives 10 (Rules of Procedure of the Federal Election Commission Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437(c)(e)) and 17 (Circulation Authority; Agenda Deadline Procedures)

Management and Administrative Matters

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0329; Docket No. 2025-0001; Sequence No. 5]

Information Collection; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)

AGENCY: Office of Human Resource Management, Strategic Planning, Policy, and Training Division, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision to an existing information collection requirement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This list (as updated from time to time in the **Federal Register**) may be relied upon as “of record” notice that the Corporation has been appointed receiver for purposes of the statement of policy published in the July 2, 1992, issue of the **Federal Register** (57 FR 29491). For further information concerning the identification of any institutions that have been placed in liquidation, please visit the Corporation website at www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html, or contact the Chief, Receivership Oversight at RO@fdic.gov or at Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, FDIC, 600 North Pearl Street, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 3090-0329; “Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)” to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “Information Collection 3090-0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040).” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 3090-0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040).” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 3090-0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)” on your attached document. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite “Information Collection 3090-0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040),” in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please

check www.regulations.gov, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colin C. Bennett, Human Resources Specialist, Office of Human Resources Management, Strategic Planning, Policy, and Training Division, at telephone 240-418-6822 or via email to colin.bennett@gsa.gov for clarification of content.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Federal leave law (5 U.S.C. 6304(b) and 6305) requires that employees be on defined, time-limited, foreign tours of duty as well as have agency agreements in place for return transportation. The Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) covering living quarters allowance (5 U.S.C. 5923(a)(2) and DSSR 031.12) also require documented tours of duty with an agency commitment for return transportation. At GSA, the overseas tour of duty and permanent change of station commitments and requirements are contained within a standard agency form, GSA Form 5040, "Overseas Employment and Service Agreement". As part of the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) (44 CFR part 302), when an agency pays for permanent change of station the employee must commit to a period of return agency service (at least one year). This form also contains clauses that serve to create an enforceable service contract under the FTR.

This form was first developed during 2022 and was published for public comment on February 14, 2023 (88 FR 9521) and then on June 8, 2023 (88 FR 37542). Our agency has successfully used this form to determine leave benefits and foreign allowance

eligibility, advise employees of their rights and responsibilities, and to help ensure that the human resources and payroll accounting records are accurate before, during and after the permanent change of station.

By using the form, our agency was able to develop a few ideas about how to improve the form, without impacting the amount of time the form takes to fill out by job candidates or current Federal employees. For example, we propose to modify lines 6 and 11 to clarify how to determine the Duty Station Location Code, which is a numeric value assigned by the Office of Personnel Management. For item 13, we propose to reference a new GSA agency form, Form 5047, "Actual Place of Residence Determination", which must be completed at the same time. In item 15, we propose to clarify foreign allowances and leave benefits that GSA currently allows, due to agency administrative order number 9592. For item 16, the financial liability disclosures, we have added additional disclosure statements taken from a different form, Form 5042, "Home Leave and Renewal Agreement Travel", which was subsequently developed during 2023 and 2024 and better implements certain language required by the Federal Travel Regulations. For item 17, we propose to add a new table which lists the name of family dependents, which should help the agency better arrange for each family's foreign travel and relocation.

While we do not believe that these small changes and improvements will create any additional burden on job candidates or agency employees, we encourage feedback on the form. We are also receptive to ideas on certain data elements or form questions that are currently missing but should be included in the form.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 25 per year.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Annual Responses: 25.

Hours per Response: 8.

Total Burden Hours: 200.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are solicited to help GSA understand whether or not the modified and improved GSA Form 5040 will help to streamline the current leave and allowance eligibility review and approval process. The agency would also like to know: (a) whether this collection of the additional information (such as list of dependents) is necessary, (b) whether it will have practical utility, (c) whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate (and based on valid assumptions and methodology), (d) whether or not there are ways to enhance the new form's utility and clarity of the information to be collected, and (e) whether or not there might be ways in to minimize the data collection burden through the use of information technology.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: We have provided a copy of the proposed new draft GSA Form 5040 at the end of this notice below the signature block. A copy of the proposed draft form can alternatively be obtained through GSA's Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0329, Student Loan Repayment Application and Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040), in all correspondence.

Lois Mandell,

*Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division,
General Services Administration.*

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OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT <i>(See Privacy Act Statement and Paperwork Reduction Act Statement on Page 3)</i>		OMB Control Number: 3090-0329 Expiration Date: 7/31/2026
1. Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		2. Employee ID Number
3. Actual Place of Residence in the U.S. (Continental U.S. or U.S. Territory or Possession)		
Please complete GSA Form 5047 . Have you completed the GSA Form 5047? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
4. Name of Overseas Post		
5. Location of Overseas Post (City, Country Name)		6. <u>Duty Station Location Code</u> (9 digits) of overseas location
7. Sponsoring Agency or Department Served by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and this Agreement <i>(Check One)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Army (DoD) <input type="checkbox"/> Navy (DoD) <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force (DoD) <input type="checkbox"/> Space Force (DoD) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> State Department <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign and Commercial Service <input type="checkbox"/> Agency for International Development		
7a. Projected Date of Arrival at Overseas Post (MM/DD/YYYY)		7b. Tour of Duty End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
8. Appointee or Employee's Overseas GSA Organization (Service or Staff Office) <i>(Check box or complete as appropriate)</i>		9. Office Symbol
<input type="checkbox"/> GSA Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) <input type="checkbox"/> GSA Public Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Service (PBS) GSA Staff Office (name): _____		
10. U.S. Post for Assignment Upon Expiration of the Final Overseas Tour (City, State or Territory) <i>(i.e. Planned location for return PCS)</i>		11. <u>Duty Station Location Code</u> (9 digits) of return PCS Location
12. LENGTH OF ASSIGNMENT		
You will be assigned to the foreign post listed above for a period of: _____ months (i.e. 12 to 36 months)		
Upon renewal of this tour of duty, or upon reassignment to a different overseas post, a new agreement should be completed and signed.		
13. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO AND FROM THE OVERSEAS POST		
The cost involved in your travel and transportation (including that of immediate family and household goods, if authorized) to your overseas post will be paid by the GSA with the understanding that you will remain in service outside the United States for a period of one year (i.e., 12 months or 26 pay periods) following the date of your arrival overseas. Return transportation expenses will be paid by the GSA, provided that you complete the tour of duty prescribed above. These expenses will be paid according to your "place of actual residence" (i.e., U.S. City, State or Territory).*		
To determine that actual place of residence, please complete GSA Form 5047 . This form is required by 41 C.F.R. § 302-2.16.		
*Travel and transportation expenses will be paid according to the "actual place of residence." The GSA Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) is responsible for determining the "actual place of residence" prior to the employee's actual departure for an overseas assignment.		
14. HOME LEAVE AND 45-DAY LEAVE ACCRUAL		
Appointees who meet the requirements of the United States Code at 5 U.S.C. § 6304(b) for the maximum accumulation of 45 days of annual leave per year are also eligible for "home leave" under 5 U.S.C. § 6305(a). To be eligible for home leave, the job candidate must have either: (a) been transferred from the U.S. to the foreign area, or (b) been hired within the foreign country but: (1) was originally recruited from the United States or its territories or possessions, (2) has been in substantially continuous employment by other agencies of the United States, United States firms, interests, or organizations, international organizations in which the United States participates, or foreign governments, and (3) had prior conditions of employment that provided for return transportation to the United States (or its territories or possessions). <i>Check One</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> This job candidate is eligible for 45-day annual leave accrual and home leave <input type="checkbox"/> This job candidate is not eligible for 45-day annual leave accrual and home leave		

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15. DIFFERENTIALS, ALLOWANCES AND LEAVE

You are considered eligible for the following foreign allowance (*check all that apply*):

- Post Allowance Living Quarters Allowance Educational Allowance Post Hardship Differential Danger Pay
 45-day (360 hour) annual leave accrual ceiling Home Leave

Date of Post Allowance Commencement (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Note 1: The allowances approved for this position are subject to the terms of the MOA between GSA and the serviced agency (such as DoD), GSA allowance policy and the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR).

Note 2: Job candidates who are **local hires** (meaning, already living in the foreign area) are normally **ineligible** for living quarters allowance (LQA) due to DSSR 031.1. The exception to this general rule, found in agency transfer, via DSSR 031.12, requires a thorough review of the personnel history and specific documentation from the losing agency (e.g., DoD Form 1617)

16. FINANCIAL LIABILITY DISCLOSURE

In the event you fail to fulfill the terms of this agreement, or any subsequent agreement, any money expended by the GSA on account of permanent change of station travel and transportation shall be recovered from you as a debt due to the United States, under the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. Chapter 57 and the Code of Federal Regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 302. You will only be required to make such restitution as is required by law and regulation (e.g., 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37 and 5 U.S.C. § 5514).

Renewal Agreement Travel. Per 41 C.F.R. §§ 302-2.13 and 2.14(d), if you leave Government service prior to completing 12 months of service following return to the overseas post (unless separated for reasons beyond your control and acceptable to GSA), any money spent by the United States for renewal agreement travel under 5 U.S.C. § 5728(a) is recoverable as a debt to the United States. The agency's cost of renewal agreement travel includes the cost of your transportation, your per diem during enroute travel, and the transportation cost of your immediate family members, from your post of duty outside of the United States to your place of actual residence in the U.S.

Return Relocation and Offset Against Indebtedness. The Federal Travel Regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 302-1.13(d) (1997 edition) contains rules governing how to address relocating an employee back to his or her place of actual residence in the U.S. when that employee has either: (a) not completed the 12 months of service following renewal agreement travel, or (b) completed that period of service but not completed the full overseas tour of duty (see Box 8). In both situations the employee must bear the responsibility and expense of transporting himself or herself, and his or her family and household goods, from the last post of overseas duty to the place of actual residence in the U.S. If, however, GSA pays for that return relocation, the employee is considered indebted to the U.S. Government. The amount of this debt, however, will be offset by the value of the mandatory relocation expenses stated in Column 1, Table F of 41 C.F.R. § 302-3.101. The GSA will determine on a case-by-case basis whether or not the discretionary expenses listed in Column 2 of Table F (e.g., shipment of a privately owned vehicle) will be added to that offset amount. This offset to financial liability is provided because entitlement to the reimbursement of these relocation expenses is associated with a prior period of successfully completed service. Due to the operation of this offset provision, in some (if not most) cases, there may not be any debt actually owed to the U.S. Government for that return relocation.

Duplicate Reimbursement. Under 41 C.F.R. §§ 302-2.21, 302-2.22, and 302-2.100(g), you must agree that neither you nor members of your immediate family have accepted (and will not accept), duplicate reimbursement of either renewal agreement travel or relocation expenses from any public or private source. Furthermore, you agree that to the best of your knowledge, no third party has accepted duplicate reimbursement for your renewal agreement travel or relocation expenses.

Check This Box. By checking this box, you are attesting that you have read the above statements and that you agree to remain with the GSA at the overseas post for no less than 12 months following RAT.

17. NAMES OF DEPENDENTS

Please provide the names, and the date of birth, of the dependents who will relocate with you to the foreign area through permanent change of station. If there are no dependents, check the below box instead.

Check this box if there are no dependents

1. Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
4. Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

18. CERTIFICATON

Under 5 U.S.C. § 5722, 5724, and 5724a, and the Federal Travel Regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 302-2.14, I agree to remain in the service of GSA for a period of at least 1 year following GSA's payment, or reimbursement, of permanent change of station relocation expenses. I understand that if I do not complete this service period that I will be considered indebted for those relocation expenses.

I also understand that if I separate from GSA (due to agency transfer, resignation, etc.) before completion of the tour of duty specified in this agreement that GSA is under no obligation to pay for the transportation of myself, my family, and household goods and personal effects from my overseas post of duty back to my place of actual residence within the United States.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the foregoing statements and agree to the terms discussed above.

(Signature of Job Candidate)

(Date)

(Signature of Selecting Official)

(Date)

19. CANCELLATION

As described within 41 C.F.R. § 302.215, sometimes circumstances occur that are beyond an employee's control and which may lead to an employee returning to the U.S. (or U.S. Territory or Possession) and/or separating from Government service before the service agreement period has ended. In these situations, this service agreement can be canceled by GSA, relieving the employee of financial responsibility from not completing the required period of overseas service. Examples of appropriate cancellation include: personal or family medical emergency, medical evacuation, approval for disability retirement, or other similar unexpected circumstance. Cancellation can be documented below.

Name of GSA Program Office (e.g., FAS)

Name of GSA Official within Program Office (i.e. PBS or FAS Regional Commissioner, or designee, per GSA Order 5450.170 ADM D)

Title of GSA Official

Reason for Cancellation

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Information collected via this form is pursuant to federal law, in particular: 5 U.S.C. § 6304(b) [45-day annual leave accrual ceiling], 5 U.S.C. 6305(a) [home leave], and 5 U.S.C. §§ 5722, 5724 and 5724a [permanent change of station relocation benefits]. Disclosure is mandatory under the home leave and leave accrual authorities so that the correct pay and benefits can be provided upon appointment, transfer or reassignment. Disclosure is required under the permanent change of station authority by Federal Travel Regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 302-2.14 to facilitate relocation benefits processing. The information collected via this form will only be used by OHRM and the employee's supervisor under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(3) [routine use]. Such information is not releasable to the general public due to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and will be stored within the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Electronic Personnel Folder (eOPF) application, under System of Record Notice (SORN) "OPM/GOVT-1" via the Federal Register at 77 FR 73694 (December 11, 2012). A job candidate's failure to provide the information requested on this form may lead to the erroneous payment of benefits, or, the non-payment of eligible benefits.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3090-0329. We estimate that it will take 1 hour to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. Send only comments relating to our time estimate, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or any other aspects of this collection of information to: U.S. General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

INSTRUCTIONS

This form should be completed by the human resources specialist filing the position. The selected job candidate may need to provide the human resources specialist with more information, or additional documents than were in the original staffing file, used in the selection process. This employment agreement is meant to transcribe, in one convenient place, the information necessary to determine the foreign allowances applicable to the position as well as information used for budget estimation and the administration of permanent change of station relocation expenses.

1. **Name:** Please provide your full name.
2. **Social Security Number:** Please provide your full Social Security number.
3. **Actual Place of Residence in the U.S.:** The actual place of permanent residence in the U.S. determination is a requirement of certain laws, such as 5 U.S.C. 5722 (PCS for a new appointee from the U.S. to the overseas post, and back again). The human resources specialist should determine the actual place of residence based on the Comptroller General Opinion, Rafael Arroyo, B-197205, May 16, 1980: (1) physical residence, (2) residence provided in agency records, (3) residence according to employment history, (4) individual or family association with an area, and (5) exercise of privileges and duties, such as voting, and income tax and property tax. Other Comptroller General opinions have added other consideration factors, such as the place of birth, education, or marriage. To determine the actual place of residence, complete **GSA Form 5047**.
4. **Name of Overseas Post:** Record the name of the overseas post (ex. "Lakenhealth AFB").
5. **Location of Overseas Post:** The human resources specialist should fill in the country and city of the overseas post, since this information is critical when determining the amounts of foreign allowances that may be applicable under the DSSR.
6. **Duty Station Code:** Every Federal duty station has a 9-digit duty station code, whether domestic, non-foreign or foreign. Use this website to determine the duty station code: <https://dw.opm.gov/datastandards/dutystation/searchbyname>
7. **Sponsoring Agency or Department Serviced by the MOA and this Agreement:** This data element captures the partner agency within the U.S. Government that is sponsoring the work done by GSA and GSA's position at the foreign post.
- 7a and 7b. **Projected Date of Arrival and Tour of Duty End Date:** This information helps the agency to plan the permanent change of station of the job candidate, as well as other considerations, such as temporary quarters subsistence allowance. The end date of the tour is also used to determine when a managerial decision is made whether or not to allow the job candidate to remain at that foreign post, or, if the job candidate will instead be offered a job opportunity back in the United States.

- 8. Appointee or Employee's Overseas GSA Organization (Service or Staff Office):** For this row, please annotate which staff or service office that is employing the job candidate and also list the Organization Code, which is up to 4 digits, alpha-numeric.
- 9. Office Symbol or Department ID:** Insert the GSA office symbol (such as "Q1BBB").
- 10. U.S. Post for Assignment Upon Expiration of the Final Overseas Tour:** Employees stationed overseas generally are not considered permanent employees in a foreign country due to the nature of the Status of Forces agreement between the U.S. and the foreign country. When the employee's future location has not been fully identified, users of the form may mark "TBD" (for To Be Determined) or "Nationwide" or "[GSA Organization] Nationwide" such as "FAS Nationwide."
- 11. Duty Station Location Code:** Enter this code, which is an OPM 9-digit code that specifically identifies the country, city, etc.
- 12. Length of Assignment:** The length of assignment should match the time specified within the MOA between the agency and GSA. Typically the initial assignment is 3 years, and renewals are 2 years (up to 3 years). The length of the assignment confirms that the sponsoring agency is able to pay for the function back to the U.S. This data element also helps to determine, in certain cases, a timeline for eligibility for home leave under 5 U.S.C. § 6305. When the employee's future location has not been fully identified, users of the form may mark "TBD" (for To Be Determined) or "Nationwide" or "[GSA Organization] Nationwide" such as "FAS Nationwide."
- 13. Travel and Transportation Expenses to and From the Overseas Post:** This data element reminds appointees or employees to complete the GSA Form 5047 which helps to identify the "actual place of residence" for the purposes of determining costs for the foreign permanent change of station. This statement also notifies the job candidate that there is a 12-month service agreement required by law and regulation once an agency has paid for these relocation expenses.
- 14. Home Leave and 45-day Leave Accrual:** This section describes whether or not a job candidate is eligible for home leave and the 45-day leave accrual ceiling. Not all hires are eligible for these authorities.
- 15. Differentials and Allowances:** This section describes the various differentials and allowances that the candidate is eligible for and have been authorized for the position. Once the date of post allowance commencement (i.e. actual arrival at the overseas post) is known, enter that date for manual Payroll processing purposes.
- 16. Financial Liability Disclosures:** This section notifies the job candidate that if he or she does not satisfy the 12-month service requirement following permanent change of station GSA may create a receivable and collect the debt through salary administrative offset. This section also discusses renewal agreement travel, return PCS, and duplicate reimbursement.
- 17. Names of Dependents:** Please list the names and dates of birth of any dependents that are travelling with you for permanent change of station. If there are no dependents, please check the optional box. This information is required by 41 C.F.R. § 302-3.504.
- 18. Certification:** This section asks the job candidate to read carefully the full form, as completed by the human resources specialist, and that the job candidate agrees with the information and understands the requirements for accepting the GSA position and the offer of assignment to the foreign post. The agency signature should generally be the human resource specialist at GSA filling the position.
- 19. Cancellation:** This section annotates that GSA may cancel the overseas service agreement due to reasons beyond the employee's control. Cancellation of this agreement, and recall to the U.S., may occur, for example, if the employee becomes seriously ill and is medically evacuated.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0317; Docket No.
2024-0001; Sequence No. 12]

Submission for OMB Review; Notarized Document Submittal for System for Award Management—New Entity Administrator Appointments

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy,
General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision to an existing OMB clearance regarding a notarized document submittal for System for Award Management (SAM) Registration. **DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 26, 2025. **ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days

of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Salomeh Ghorbani, Director, IAE Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Division, at 202-430-0206 or IAE_Admin@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 4.11 prescribes policies and procedures for requiring contractor registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) database to increase visibility of vendor sources (including their geographical locations) for specific supplies and services; and establish a common source of vendor data for the Government.

In the past, the GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an investigation into fraudulent activities discovered within SAM. As a result, SAM.gov workflows and data analysis have been revised over the last several years to improve our ability to identify bad actors earlier than before.

As a result of GSA actively pursuing technical alternatives to the collection of this information for all non-federal entities, GSA seeks to refine the requirement previously adopted, where a risk-based approach was used to justify the collection of the entity administrator appointment letter (EAAL) for all new entities, and only employ this method to establish an Entity Administrator to an existing entity where the previous administrator is no longer on staff.

This information is essential to GSA’s acquisition mission to meet the needs of all federal agencies, as well as the needs of the grant community. A key element of GSA’s mission is to provide efficient and effective acquisition solutions across the Federal Government. SAM is essential to the accomplishment of that mission. In addition to federal contracts, federal assistance programs also rely upon the integrity and security of the information in SAM. Without assurances that the information in SAM is protected and is at minimal risk of compromise, GSA would risk losing the confidence of the federal acquisition and assistance communities that it serves. As a result, some entities may prefer not to do business with the federal government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 139,027.

Responses per Respondent: 1.
Total Annual Responses: 139,027.
Hours per Response: .5.
Total Burden Hours: 69,513.

The information collection allows GSA to request the notarized letter and apply this approach to individuals who seek to become the Entity Administrator for an entity record in SAM.gov when there is no Entity Administrator appointed for that entity in the system.

Individuals seeking administrator access to entity records in SAM are provided the template for the requirements of the notarized letter. It is estimated that the individual will take an average 0.5 hours to create the letter and 0.25 hours to upload the letter to the Federal Service Desk. GSA proposes that an individual equivalent to a GS-5, Step 5 Administrative Support person within the government would perform these tasks. The estimated hourly rate of \$25.06 (Base + Locality + Fringe) was used for the calculation.

Based on historical data of the ratio of small entities to other than small entities that exist in SAM, GSA approximates 58,500 of the 90,000 annual entities who do not have an individual with the Entity Administrator role will have in-house resources to notarize documents. GSA proposes that the entities with in-house notaries will typically be large businesses where the projected salary of the executive or officer responsible for signing the notarized letter is, on average, approximately \$150 per hour. The projected time for signature and notarizing the letter internally is 0.5 hours.

The other remaining 31,500 entities per year are estimated to be small entities where the projected salary of the executive or officer responsible for signing the notarized letter is, on average, approximately \$100 per hour. These entities will likely have to obtain notary services from an outside source. The projected time for signature and notarizing the letter externally is 1 hour. The estimate includes a nominal fee (\$5.00) usually charged by third-party notaries.

C. Public Comments

A 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 92688 on November 22, 2024. No public comments were received.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0317, Notarized Document Submittal for System for

Award Management Registration, in all correspondence.

Lois Mandell,

Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-1434]

Certain Composite Intermediate Bulk Containers; Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 5, 2024, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Schütz Container Systems, Inc. of North Branch, New Jersey and Protechna S.A. of Fribourg, Switzerland. The complaint was supplemented on December 20, 2024. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain composite intermediate bulk containers by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,718,581 (“the ‘581 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,708,150 (“the ‘150 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,919,562 (“the ‘562 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,567,626 (“the ‘626 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 9,004,310 (“the ‘310 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 8,276,299 (“the ‘299 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, in the alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access

to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2024).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 21, 2025 *ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1–3 and 5 of the '581 patent; claims 1, 2, 6, and 8–10 of the '562 patent; claims 1 and 3–5 of the '299 patent; claims 1–5 of the '150 patent; claims 1–3 of the '626 patent; and claims 1–5 and 8 of the '310 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “composite intermediate bulk containers”;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Schütz Container Systems, Inc., 200 Aspen Hill Rd., North Branch, NJ 08876–5950

Protechna S.A., Avenue De La Gare 14, CH–1701 Fribourg, Switzerland

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Shandong Jinshan Jieyuan Container Co., Ltd., 69 Hengyuan Road, Dantu

Industrial Park, Zhengjiang City, Jiangsu Province, China, 212000
Zibo Jielin Plastic Pipe Manufacture Co. Ltd., No. 6, Qingtian Road, Qilu Chemical Industrial Park, Zibo City, Shandong Province, China, 255410
Shanghai Sakura Plastic Products Co., Ltd., (d/b/a Shanghai Yinghua Plastic Products Co., LTD), No. 1353, Maixin Highway, Xinqiao Town, Songjiang District, Shanghai, China, 201600
Hebei Shijiheng Plastics, Co., Ltd., No. 5 Torch Avenue, Sino-Europe Industrial Park of Hebei, Province, Zhongjie Huanghua City, China, 061100

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 21, 2025.

Susan Orndoff,

Supervisory Attorney.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Rust Foundation

Notice is hereby given that, on October 25, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Rust Foundation has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Open Source Science B.V., Breda, NETHERLANDS; PROMOTIC, Lomé, TOGOLESE REPUBLIC; and Student Research and Development dba CodeDay, Seattle, WA, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Rust Foundation intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 14, 2022, Rust Foundation filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on May 13, 2022 (87 FR 29384).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 12, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2024 (89 FR 82634).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—America's DataHub Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on June 28, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), America's DataHub Consortium (“ADC”) has filed written

notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, ADACEN FEDERAL LLC, Albuquerque, NM; AT Worthy Technology, Fairfax, VA; Brightquery, Inc., Irvine, CA; Careplots, Inc., Malvern, PA; CAS a division of American Chemical Society, Columbus, OH; Data Point LLC, Orange, NJ; Data Products LLC, Chicago, IL; Generative Medical, Inc., Palo Alto, CA; K8R Applications, Inc. dba Future Perfect Engineering, Seattle, WA; Node.Digital, Leesburg, VA; Omnicom Consulting Group, Inc., Tarrytown, NY; Polaron Technologies, Inc., Miamisburg, OH; Prism Lab at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; and Vistra Communications LLC, Lutz, FL, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ADC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 11, 2021, ADC filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 22, 2021 (86 FR 72628).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 4, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 21, 2024 (89 FR 52092).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Open Grid Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on October 11, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Open Grid Alliance, Inc. ("OGA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing

changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Deutsche Telekom AG, Bonn, GERMANY, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and OGA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 31, 2022, OGA filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on May 12, 2022 (87 FR 29180).

The last notification was filed with the Department on November 16, 2023. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on February 6, 2024 (89 FR 8246). A corrected notice was filed on March 8, 2024 (89 FR 16799).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—The Open Group, L.L.C.

Notice is hereby given that, on November 4, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The Open Group, L.L.C. ("TOG") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Aeronix Technologies Group, LLC, Melbourne, FL; Afuzion Incorporated, Sedona, AZ; Banco de los Trabajadores, Guatemala City, GUATEMALA; Barkman Enterprises, Inc., Fayetteville, GA; Booz Allen Hamilton, Linthicum, MD; Clarity Cyber, LLC, Linthicum, MD; Corning Optical Communications, Rf LLC, Glendale, AZ; D&I Associates Limited, Kingston Upon Thames,

UNITED KINGDOM; GIRD Systems, Inc., Cincinnati, OH; HCL America Inc., Santa Clara, CA; Horizon56 A/S, Kongens Lyngby, DENMARK; Impac Exploration Services Inc, Weatherford, OK; NABORS Industries, Inc., Houston, TX; NETGEOMETRY SDN. BHD., Selangor, MALAYSIA; Picogrid, Inc., El Segundo, CA; Precise Systems, Lexington Park, MD; R V College of Engineering, Bengaluru, INDIA; Reflex Instruments Asia, Pacific Pty Ltd, Balcatta, AUSTRALIA; ReStream Solutions, Inc., Fort Worth, TX; Space Micro, Inc., San Diego, CA; StarAgile Consulting Private Limited, Bengaluru, INDIA; Systematic, Inc., Centreville, VA; Technology Advanced Group, Inc., Ashburn, VA; Torque Technical Computer Training (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA; Trigon Cyber, Inc., Huntsville, AL; V2X, Inc., McLean, VA; and Validere Technologies, Inc. Toronto, CANADA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Ball Aerospace, Boulder, CO; Boomi, Chesterbrook, PA; ClearBlade, Inc., Austin, TX; Cloudwick Technologies, Inc., Newark, CA; CS Communication & Systems, Inc., East Hartford, CT; Delta Information Systems, Horsham, PA; Dunstan Thomas Consulting, Ltd., Portsmouth, UNITED KINGDOM; Eturnti Business Design, Bangalore, INDIA; Growth Continue Training, Abidjan, REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE; Herley Industries, Inc., Lancaster, PA; Hiller Measurements, Inc., Austin, TX; Information Services Group, Inc., Stamford, CT; INPEX Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad, INDIA; Kansas Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS; Kyoto University, Kyoto, JAPAN; Naonworks Co. Ltd., Seoul, REPUBLIC OF KOREA; National Institute for Smart Government, Hyderabad, INDIA; Numberline Security, LLC, Lexington, MA; Pro Well Plan as, Bergen, NORWAY; Project Canary, PBC, Denver, CO; Rogerson Kratos, Irvine, CA; Saison Information Systems Co., Ltd., Tokyo, JAPAN; Selman & Associates, Ltd., Midland, TX; Teradata Corporation, London, UNITED KINGDOM; The UK Offshore Energies Association Limited, London, UNITED KINGDOM; Two Ravens Consulting, Calgary, CANADA; University of Dayton Research Institute, Dayton, OH; University of Ottawa, Ottawa, CANADA; Valmet Automation Oy, Vespoo, REPUBLIC OF FINLAND; Vantum Consulting Foshan Ltd, Beijing, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; and

W-IE-NE-R Power Electronics Corp., Springfield, OH, have withdrawn as parties to this venture.

Additionally, Software AG has changed its name to Software GmbH, Darmstad, GERMANY.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and TOG intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 21, 1997, TOG filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 13, 1997 (62 FR 32371).

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 21, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2024 (89 FR 82633).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Stipulation and Amendment to Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On January 16, 2025, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Stipulation and Order Amending the Consent Decree and Modifying Exhibit A with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of Indiana v. Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 83-1419-C-M/S.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on a Proposed Stipulation and Order Amending Consent Decree. The Proposed Stipulation and Order Amending the Consent Decree memorialize and make enforceable updated requirements for ongoing remedial work at the Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation Superfund Site near Zionsville, Indiana. The remedial work is being undertaken pursuant to a 1991 Consent Decree between the United States, State of Indiana, and numerous settling defendants pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.* Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of Indiana v.*

Environmental Conservation and Chemical Corporation, et al., D.J. Ref. No. #90-11-2-48. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ-ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed by the United States in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the Proposed Stipulation and Order Amending Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the Proposed Stipulation and Order Amending Consent Decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

Laura Thoms,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests: 2025-2027 IMLS Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program—Final Performance Report Form

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments, collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-

clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments concerning renewal of the three-year approval of the forms necessary to report on grant and cooperative agreement activities on interim and final bases for all IMLS grant programs for 2025-2027 IMLS Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program—Final Performance Report Form. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before March 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Julie Balutis, Director of Grants Management, Office of Grants Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Ms. Balutis can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4645, or by email at jbalutis@imls.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Narva, Senior Grants Management Specialist Team Lead, Office of Grants Management, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Ms. Narva can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4634, or by email at snarva@imls.gov. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IMLS is particularly interested in public comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

II. Current Actions

To administer the IMLS processes associated with Native American Library Services Basic Grants, IMLS uses standardized application forms, guidelines, and reporting forms for eligible Native American tribes. The form submitted for public review in this Notice is the Final Performance Report Form with instructions. The collection of information using this form is core to IMLS grant performance reporting requirements and monitoring processes.

This action is to renew the content, form, and instructions for the next three years.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: 2025–2027 IMLS Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program—Final Performance Report Form.

OMB Control Number: 3137–0098.

Agency Number: 3137.

Respondents/Affected Public: Native American Basic grant program recipients.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 180.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 2.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 360.

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$11,869.

Total Annual Federal Costs: \$15,480.

Public Comments Invited: Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized and/or included in

the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Suzanne Mbollo,

Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Presidential Action, *Restoring Accountability for Career Senior Executives* (January 20, 2025), the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission is withdrawing its notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2025, concerning the appointment of members to the agency's Performance Review Board (PRB).

DATES: As of January 27, 2025, the **Federal Register** notice published at 90 FR 7197 on January 21, 2025, is withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Huffman, Human Resources Specialist, U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 1120 20th Street NW—Ninth Floor, Washington, DC 20036–3457, (202) 606–5393.

Cynthia L. Attwood,
Chairman.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2023–174; MC2025–1145 and K2025–1145; MC2025–1146 and K2025–1146]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* January 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's

Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*.: CP2023–174; *Filing Title*: USPS Request Concerning Amendment Two to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 121, with Material Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 21, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3035.105, 39 CFR 3041.310, and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative*: Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 29, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–1145 and K2025–1145; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1318 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 21, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Elsie Lee-Robbins; *Comments Due*: January 29, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–1146 and K2025–1146; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1319 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 21, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 29, 2025.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2024–212]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due*: January 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

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¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

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The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

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II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*.: CP2024–212; *Filing Title*: USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 200, with Material Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 17, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3035.105, 39 CFR 3041.310, and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative*: Kenneth Moller; *Comments Due*: January 28, 2025.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS: 90 FR 7202, January 21, 2025, and 90 FR 7720, January 22, 2025.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 1 p.m.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 1 p.m., has been changed to Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.
Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

PLACE: The meeting will be held via remote means and/or at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or

more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to examinations and enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102223; File No. 10-244]

In the Matter of the Application of Green Impact Exchange, LLC for Registration as a National Securities Exchange; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings To Determine Whether To Grant or Deny an Application for Registration as a National Securities Exchange Under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 16, 2025.

On May 9, 2024, Green Impact Exchange, LLC ("GIX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a Form 1 application ("Form 1") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), seeking registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Act.¹ Notice of the application was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2024.² The Commission received comments on the GIX Form 1,³

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100547 (July 17, 2024), 89 FR 59795 ("Notice").

³ The public comment file for GIX's Form 1 (File No. 10-244) is available on the Commission's website at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/10-244/10-244.htm>.

all expressing support for the Form 1. On October 21, 2024, the Commission instituted proceedings pursuant to Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Act⁴ to determine whether to grant or deny GIX's application for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Act.⁵ After issuing the OIP, the Commission received comments opposing the Form 1 and a response letter from GIX.

Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Act provides that proceedings instituted to determine whether to deny an application for registration as a national securities exchange shall be concluded within 180 days of the date of a publication of notice of the filing of the application for registration.⁶ At the conclusion of such proceedings, the Commission, by order, shall grant or deny such registration.⁷ The Commission may extend the time for conclusion of such proceedings for up to 90 days if it finds good cause for such extension and publishes its reasons for so finding.⁸ The Notice was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2024.⁹ The 180th day after publication of the Notice is January 19, 2025. The Commission is extending the time period for granting or denying GIX's application for registration as a national securities exchange for an additional 90 days.

The Commission finds good cause for extending the period for granting or denying GIX's application for registration as a national securities exchange because the extension will provide additional time for the Commission to assess whether GIX's Form 1 satisfies the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. As described in the Notice and OIP, GIX proposes to adopt novel Green Governance Standards.¹⁰ Therefore, the Commission believes that there is good cause to extend the time for conclusion of the proceedings for 90 days.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(a)(1)(B) of the Act,¹¹ designates April 19, 2025, as the date by which the Commission shall either grant or deny GIX's Form 1.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101397, 89 FR 85264 (Oct. 25, 2024) ("OIP").

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See *supra* note 2 and accompanying text.

¹⁰ See OIP, *supra* note 5, 89 FR at 85266-67.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1)(B).

By the Commission.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102250; File No. SR–CboeBZX–2025–002]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee Schedule by Increasing the Transaction Fees Associated With Certain Opening and Closing Auction Fee Codes

January 21, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2025, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b–4(f) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) proposes to amend its Fee Schedule by increasing the transaction fees associated with certain opening and closing auction fee codes.⁵ The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

⁵ The Exchange initially proposed to amend its Fee Schedule on December 20, 2024 (SR–CboeBZX–2024–129), which was effective on January 2, 2025. On January 3, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted SR–CboeBZX–2025–001. On January 7, 2025, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this proposal.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/BZX/), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-002.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.⁶ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission’s internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-002) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–CboeBZX–2025–002 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR–CboeBZX–2025–002. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-002). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–CboeBZX–2025–002 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

⁶ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund/Native American CDFI Assistance Program Award Recipient and NMTC Allocatee Annual Report

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before February 26, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

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. 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: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Spencer W. Clark by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 927–5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund)

Title: CDFI/NACA Program Award Recipient and NMTC Allocatee Annual Report including CDFI ERP.

OMB Control Number: 1559–0027.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description: The Community Development Financial Institutions

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

Program (CDFI Program) provides financial and technical assistance to selected organizations certified by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) as Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), or entities that propose to become CDFIs, in order to enhance their ability to make loans and investments and provide services for the benefit of their designated investment areas and targeted populations. These organizations also include selected Native American organizations certified by the CDFI Fund as CDFIs, or entities that propose to become CDFIs, in order to enhance their ability to make loans and investments and provide services for the benefit of Native American communities and individual Native Americans through the Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program). Based on an Assistance Agreement between each Financial Award (FA) Recipient and the CDFI Fund, the CDFI/NACA Program Transaction Level Report (TLR) is used to collect information for compliance monitoring and performance reporting. The annual report provides qualitative and quantitative information on the FA Recipient's compliance with its performance goals during the period of performance in which the CDFI Fund's financial assistance was used. The CDFI/NACA TLR is submitted via the CDFI Fund's Awards Management Information System (AMIS) once a year, six (6) months after a Recipient's fiscal year end.

In 2023, the CDFI Fund made awards under the CDFI Equitable Recovery Program (CDFI ERP), which was a new program authorized by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Act; section 523 of division N; Pub. L. 116–260). The CDFI ERP was designed to award CDFIs grants to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic. Awards provided to CDFIs were: (1) to expand lending, grant making, and investment activity in low- or moderate-income communities and to borrowers, including minorities, that have significant unmet capital or financial service needs and were disproportionately impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic; and (2) to enable CDFIs to build organizational capacity and acquire technology, staff and other tools necessary to accomplish the activities under a CDFI ERP Award. In April 2023, the CDFI Fund awarded over \$1.73 billion in grants to 604 CDFIs.

Based on an Assistance Agreement between each CDFI ERP Recipient and the CDFI Fund, CDFI ERP Recipients will be required to complete the existing

CDFI/NACA TLR for the collection of information used for compliance monitoring and performance reporting purposes until the end of the performance period. Because the objectives of the CDFI ERP Program differ from the existing CDFI and NACA Programs, the CDFI Fund needs to add additional data fields to the TLR for CDFI ERP Recipients to complete, as well as create a reporting form to capture CDFI ERP-eligible activities that are not eligible under the CDFI and NACA Programs (*i.e.*, the provision of grants). CDFI ERP Recipients will follow the same annual TLR submission schedule as CDFI/NACA Program Recipients, which is six (6) months after a Recipient's fiscal year end via AMIS. CDFI/NACA Program Recipients who are also CDFI ERP Recipients will only submit one TLR per year.

Forms: Transaction Level Report, Address Records, Loan Purchase Reports, Grant-Level Report, Consumer Loan Report.

Affected Public: CDFIs including businesses or other for-profit institutions, non-profit entities, and State, local and Tribal entities participating in CDFI Fund programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 603.

Frequency of Response: Annually.
Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 603.

Estimated Time per Response: 20.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,060.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Spencer W. Clark,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Mint

Notification of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Public Meeting—February 18, 2025

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Pursuant to United States Code, title 31, section 5135(b)(8)(C), the United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for February 18, 2025.

Date: February 18, 2025.

Time: 11 a.m.–4:45 p.m. (eastern time).

Location: Remote via Video-conference.

Subject: Review and discussion of the candidate designs for the 2026

American Innovation \$1 Coin Program: California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa; review and discussion of the candidate designs for the 2027–2028 Platinum Proof Coins; review and discussion of the candidate designs for the 2025 Sacagawea 25th Anniversary Coins; and discussion of potential concepts/themes for a future Native American \$1 Coin Program.

Interested members of the public may watch the meeting via live stream on the United States Mint's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/usmint>. To watch the meeting live, members of the public may click on the "February 18, 2025" icons under the Live Tab on the specific day.

The public should call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354–7502 for the latest updates on meeting time and access information.

The CCAC advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals; advises the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made; and makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

For members of the public interested in watching on-line, this is a reminder that the remote access is for observation purposes only. Members of the public may submit matters for the CCAC's consideration by email to info@ccac.gov.

For Accommodation Request: If you require an accommodation to watch the CCAC meeting, please contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by February 13, 2025. You may submit an email request to *Reasonable.Accommodations@usmint.treas.gov* or call 202–354–7260 or 1–888–646–8369 (TTY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Warren, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC, 801 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20220; or call 202–354–7208.

(Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C))

Eric Anderson,

Executive Secretary, United States Mint.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION**Notice of Open Public Hearing**

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on February 6, 2025 on “Made in China 2025—Who Is Winning?”

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public will be able to attend in person at or near the U.S. Capitol and adjacent Congressional office buildings (specific building and room number to be announced) or view a live webcast via the Commission’s website at www.uscc.gov. Visit the Commission’s website for updates to the hearing location or possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to view the hearing online or in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Jameson Cunningham, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; telephone: 202–624–1496, or via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

ADA Accessibility: For questions about the accessibility of the event or to request an accommodation, please contact Jameson Cunningham via email at jcunningham@uscc.gov. Requests for an accommodation should be made as soon as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: This is the first public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2025 reporting cycle. The hearing will initially address the extent to which China met the goals and targets outlined in its Made in China 2025 industrial policy document, with a particular focus on technological developments in biotechnology and biomanufacturing; aerospace; and autonomous robotics and platforms. Next, the hearing will examine the effectiveness of China’s approach to innovation, analyzing how China reoriented its approach to industrial policy to promote and guide resources toward strategic and emerging industries and the development of

prioritized technologies. Finally, the hearing will assess what the Chinese Communist Party currently prioritizes in its technological and industrial plans and evaluate the tools the United States and partner countries have to respond to the risks and consequences emerging from China’s technology policies.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Vice Chair Randall Schriver and Commissioner Michael Kuiken. Any interested party may file a written statement by February 6, 2025 by transmitting it to the contact above. A portion of the hearing will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113–291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Christopher Fioravante,
Deputy Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.
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