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The President

Flying the Flag of the United States at Full-Staff on Inauguration Day

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

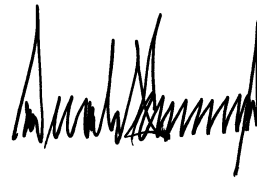
By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in honor of Inauguration Day and everything good and noble that it represents about our Nation, our people, and our form of Government, I hereby order that, on this and all future Inauguration Days, the flag of the United States shall be flown at full-staff.

Accordingly, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at full-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government, in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions, for the remainder of this day beginning immediately.

I also direct that, for the same period of time, the flag shall be flown at full-staff at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

Upon the end of this Inauguration Day, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be returned to half-staff as directed by Proclamation 10876 of December 29, 2024 (Announcing the Death of James Earl Carter, Jr.), in recognition of the memory of our former President, until the period of 30 days from the day of his death has concluded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Donald Trump", located in the lower right quadrant of the page.

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Executive Order 14147 of January 20, 2025

Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Purpose.* The American people have witnessed the previous administration engage in a systematic campaign against its perceived political opponents, weaponizing the legal force of numerous Federal law enforcement agencies and the Intelligence Community against those perceived political opponents in the form of investigations, prosecutions, civil enforcement actions, and other related actions. These actions appear oriented more toward inflicting political pain than toward pursuing actual justice or legitimate governmental objectives. Many of these activities appear to be inconsistent with the Constitution and/or the laws of the United States, including those activities directed at parents protesting at school board meetings, Americans who spoke out against the previous administration's actions, and other Americans who were simply exercising constitutionally protected rights.

The prior administration and allies throughout the country engaged in an unprecedented, third-world weaponization of prosecutorial power to upend the democratic process. It targeted individuals who voiced opposition to the prior administration's policies with numerous Federal investigations and politically motivated funding revocations, which cost Americans access to needed services. The Department of Justice even jailed an individual for posting a political meme. And while the Department of Justice has ruthlessly prosecuted more than 1,500 individuals associated with January 6, and simultaneously dropped nearly all cases against BLM rioters.

Therefore, this order sets forth a process to ensure accountability for the previous administration's weaponization of the Federal Government against the American people.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* It is the policy of the United States to identify and take appropriate action to correct past misconduct by the Federal Government related to the weaponization of law enforcement and the weaponization of the Intelligence Community.

Sec. 3. *Ending the Weaponization of the Federal Government.* (a) The Attorney General, in consultation with the heads of all departments and agencies of the United States, shall take appropriate action to review the activities of all departments and agencies exercising civil or criminal enforcement authority of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission, over the last 4 years and identify any instances where a department's or agency's conduct appears to have been contrary to the purposes and policies of this order, and prepare a report to be submitted to the President, through the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and the Counsel to the President, with recommendations for appropriate remedial actions to be taken to fulfill the purposes and policies of this order.

(b) The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the heads of the appropriate departments and agencies within the Intelligence Community, shall take all appropriate action to review the activities of the Intelligence Community over the last 4 years and identify any instances where the Intelligence Community's conduct appears to have been contrary to the purposes and policies of this order, and prepare a report to be submitted

to the President, through the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and the National Security Advisor, with recommendations for appropriate remedial actions to be taken to fulfill the purposes and policies of this order. The term “Intelligence Community” has the meaning given the term in section 3003 of title 50, United States Code.

(c) In furtherance of these policies, departments and agencies are directed to comply with applicable document-retention policies and legal obligations. Instances of noncompliance with document-retention policies or legal obligations will be referred to the Attorney General.

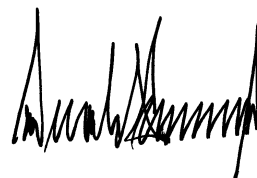
Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

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Executive Order 14148 of January 20, 2025

Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Purpose and Policy.* The previous administration has embedded deeply unpopular, inflationary, illegal, and radical practices within every agency and office of the Federal Government. The injection of “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (DEI) into our institutions has corrupted them by replacing hard work, merit, and equality with a divisive and dangerous preferential hierarchy. Orders to open the borders have endangered the American people and dissolved Federal, State, and local resources that should be used to benefit the American people. Climate extremism has exploded inflation and overburdened businesses with regulation.

To commence the policies that will make our Nation united, fair, safe, and prosperous again, it is the policy of the United States to restore common sense to the Federal Government and unleash the potential of the American citizen. The revocations within this order will be the first of many steps the United States Federal Government will take to repair our institutions and our economy.

Sec. 2. *Revocation of Orders and Actions.* The following executive actions are hereby revoked:

(a) Executive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government).

(b) Executive Order 13986 of January 20, 2021 (Ensuring a Lawful and Accurate Enumeration and Apportionment Pursuant to the Decennial Census).

(c) Executive Order 13987 of January 20, 2021 (Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government To Provide a Unified and Effective Response To Combat COVID–19 and To Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security).

(d) Executive Order 13988 of January 20, 2021 (Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation).

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(pp) Executive Order 14052 of November 15, 2021 (Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act).

(qq) Executive Order 14055 of November 18, 2021 (Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts).

(rr) Executive Order 14057 of December 8, 2021 (Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability).

(ss) Executive Order 14060 of December 15, 2021 (Establishing the United States Council on Transnational Organized Crime).

(tt) Executive Order 14069 of March 15, 2022 (Advancing Economy, Efficiency, and Effectiveness in Federal Contracting by Promoting Pay Equity and Transparency).

(uu) Executive Order 14070 of April 5, 2022 (Continuing To Strengthen Americans' Access to Affordable, Quality Health Coverage).

(vv) Executive Order 14074 of May 25, 2022 (Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety).

(ww) Executive Order 14075 of June 15, 2022 (Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals).

(xx) Executive Order 14082 of September 12, 2022 (Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022).

(yy) Executive Order 14084 of September 30, 2022 (Promoting the Arts, the Humanities, and Museum and Library Services).

(zz) Executive Order 14087 of October 14, 2022 (Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans).

(aaa) Executive Order 14089 of December 13, 2022 (Establishing the President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States).

(bbb) Executive Order 14091 of February 16, 2023 (Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government).

(ccc) The Presidential Memorandum of March 13, 2023 (Withdrawal of Certain Areas off the United States Arctic Coast of the Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Gas Leasing).

(ddd) Executive Order 14094 of April 6, 2023 (Modernizing Regulatory Review).

(eee) Executive Order 14096 of April 21, 2023 (Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All).

(fff) Executive Order 14099 of May 9, 2023 (Moving Beyond COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Federal Workers).

(ggg) Executive Order 14110 of October 30, 2023 (Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence).

(hhh) Executive Order 14115 of February 1, 2024 (Imposing Certain Sanctions on Persons Undermining Peace, Security, and Stability in the West Bank).

(iii) Executive Order 14124 of July 17, 2024 (White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity Through Hispanic-Serving Institutions).

(jjj) Executive Order 14134 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Agriculture).

(kkk) Executive Order 14135 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Homeland Security).

(lll) Executive Order 14136 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Justice).

(mmm) Executive Order 14137 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of the Treasury).

(nnn) Executive Order 14138 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Office of Management and Budget).

(ooo) Executive Order 14139 of January 3, 2025 (Providing an Order of Succession Within the Office of the National Cyber Director).

(ppp) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the Council on Environmental Quality to Act as Chairman).

(qqq) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the Office of Personnel Management to Act as Director).

(rrr) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to Act as Director).

(sss) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the United States Agency for Global Media to Act as Chief Executive Officer).

(ttt) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the United States Agency for International Development to Act as Administrator).

(uuu) The Presidential Memorandum of January 3, 2025 (Designation of Officials of the United States International Development Finance Corporation to Act as Chief Executive Officer).

(vvv) The Presidential Memorandum of January 6, 2025 (Withdrawal of Certain Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Natural Gas Leasing).

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(xxx) The Presidential Memorandum of January 14, 2025 (Certification of Rescission of Cuba's Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism).

(yyy) The Presidential Memorandum of January 14, 2025 (Revocation of National Security Presidential Memorandum 5).

(zzz) Executive Order 14143 of January 16, 2025 (Providing for the Appointment of Alumni of AmeriCorps to the Competitive Service).

Sec. 3. Implementation. (a) To effectuate the revocations described in section 2 of this order, the heads of each agency shall take immediate steps to end Federal implementation of unlawful and radical DEI ideology.

(b) The Director of the Domestic Policy Council (DPC) and the Director of the National Economic Council (NEC) shall review all Federal Government actions taken pursuant to the orders, memoranda, and proclamations listed in section 2 of this order and take necessary steps to rescind, replace, or amend such actions as appropriate. Within 45 days of the date of this order, the Director of the DPC and the Director of the NEC shall submit to the President an additional list of orders, memoranda, and proclamations issued by the prior administration that should be rescinded, as well as a list of replacement orders, memoranda, or proclamations, to increase American prosperity.

(c) The National Security Advisor (NSA) shall immediately begin a complete and thorough review of all National Security Memoranda (NSMs) issued from January 20, 2021, through January 20, 2025, for harm to national security, domestic resilience, and American values. No later than 45 days from the date of this order, the NSA shall recommend to the President NSMs for rescission.

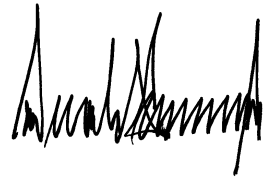
Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14149 of January 20, 2025

Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Purpose.* The First Amendment to the United States Constitution, an amendment essential to the success of our Republic, enshrines the right of the American people to speak freely in the public square without Government interference. Over the last 4 years, the previous administration trampled free speech rights by censoring Americans' speech on online platforms, often by exerting substantial coercive pressure on third parties, such as social media companies, to moderate, deplatform, or otherwise suppress speech that the Federal Government did not approve. Under the guise of combatting "misinformation," "disinformation," and "malinformation," the Federal Government infringed on the constitutionally protected speech rights of American citizens across the United States in a manner that advanced the Government's preferred narrative about significant matters of public debate. Government censorship of speech is intolerable in a free society.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* It is the policy of the United States to:

(a) secure the right of the American people to engage in constitutionally protected speech;

(b) ensure that no Federal Government officer, employee, or agent engages in or facilitates any conduct that would unconstitutionally abridge the free speech of any American citizen;

(c) ensure that no taxpayer resources are used to engage in or facilitate any conduct that would unconstitutionally abridge the free speech of any American citizen; and

(d) identify and take appropriate action to correct past misconduct by the Federal Government related to censorship of protected speech.

Sec. 3. *Ending Censorship of Protected Speech.* (a) No Federal department, agency, entity, officer, employee, or agent may act or use any Federal resources in a manner contrary to section 2 of this order.

(b) The Attorney General, in consultation with the heads of executive departments and agencies, shall investigate the activities of the Federal Government over the last 4 years that are inconsistent with the purposes and policies of this order and prepare a report to be submitted to the President, through the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, with recommendations for appropriate remedial actions to be taken based on the findings of the report.

Sec. 4. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

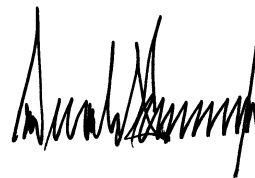
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party

against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Memorandum of January 20, 2025

Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Over the past 4 years, the Biden Administration's destructive policies inflicted an historic inflation crisis on the American people. The Biden Administration not only exploded Government spending, artificially and unsustainably stimulating demand, but it simultaneously made necessary goods and services scarce through a crushing regulatory burden and radical policies designed to weaken American production. Hardworking families today are overwhelmed by the cost of fuel, food, housing, automobiles, medical care, utilities, and insurance.

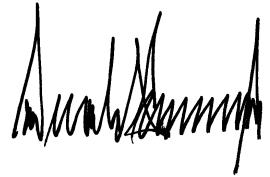
In particular, the assault on plentiful and reliable American energy through unnecessary and illegal regulatory demands has driven up the cost of transportation and manufacturing. In addition, the unlawful regulatory mandate on companies to effectively eliminate many or most gas-powered vehicles has resulted in artificial price increases on those popular vehicles to subsidize electric vehicles disfavored by consumers.

Moreover, many Americans are unable to purchase homes due to historically high prices, in part due to regulatory requirements that alone account for 25 percent of the cost of constructing a new home according to recent analysis.

In sum, unprecedented regulatory oppression from the Biden Administration is estimated to have imposed almost \$50,000 in costs on the average American household, whereas my first-term agenda reduced regulatory costs by almost \$11,000 per household. It is critical to restore purchasing power to the American family and improve our quality of life.

I hereby order the heads of all executive departments and agencies to deliver emergency price relief, consistent with applicable law, to the American people and increase the prosperity of the American worker. This shall include pursuing appropriate actions to: lower the cost of housing and expand housing supply; eliminate unnecessary administrative expenses and rent-seeking practices that increase healthcare costs; eliminate counterproductive requirements that raise the costs of home appliances; create employment opportunities for American workers, including drawing discouraged workers

into the labor force; and eliminate harmful, coercive “climate” policies that increase the costs of food and fuel. Within 30 days of the date of this memorandum, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy shall report to me and every 30 days thereafter, on the status of the implementation of this memorandum.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 20, 2025

Presidential Documents

Memorandum of January 20, 2025

Hiring Freeze

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order a freeze on the hiring of Federal civilian employees, to be applied throughout the executive branch. As part of this freeze, no Federal civilian position that is vacant at noon on January 20, 2025, may be filled, and no new position may be created except as otherwise provided for in this memorandum or other applicable law. Except as provided below, this freeze applies to all executive departments and agencies regardless of their sources of operational and programmatic funding.

This order does not apply to military personnel of the armed forces or to positions related to immigration enforcement, national security, or public safety. Moreover, nothing in this memorandum shall adversely impact the provision of Social Security, Medicare, or Veterans' benefits. In addition, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) may grant exemptions from this freeze where those exemptions are otherwise necessary.

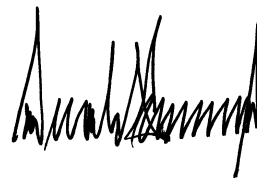
Within 90 days of the date of this memorandum, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Director of OPM and the Administrator of the United States DOGE Service (USDS), shall submit a plan to reduce the size of the Federal Government's workforce through efficiency improvements and attrition. Upon issuance of the OMB plan, this memorandum shall expire for all executive departments and agencies, with the exception of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This memorandum shall remain in effect for the IRS until the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of OMB and the Administrator of USDS, determines that it is in the national interest to lift the freeze.

Contracting outside the Federal Government to circumvent the intent of this memorandum is prohibited.

In carrying out this memorandum, the heads of executive departments and agencies shall seek efficient use of existing personnel and funds to improve public services and the delivery of these services. Accordingly, this memorandum does not prohibit making reallocations to meet the highest priority needs, maintain essential services, and protect national security, homeland security, and public safety.

This memorandum does not limit the nomination and appointment of officials to positions requiring Presidential appointment or Senate confirmation, the appointment of officials to non-career positions in the Senior Executive Service or to Schedule A or C positions in the Excepted Service, the appointment of officials through temporary organization hiring authority pursuant to section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, or the appointment of any other non-career employees or officials if approved by agency leadership appointed by the President. Moreover, it does not limit the hiring of personnel where such a limit would conflict with applicable law.

This memorandum does not abrogate any collective bargaining agreement in effect on the date of this memorandum.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 20, 2025

Presidential Documents

Memorandum of January 20, 2025

Regulatory Freeze Pending Review

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order all executive departments and agencies to take the following steps:

(1) Do not propose or issue any rule in any manner, including by sending a rule to the Office of the *Federal Register* (the “OFR”), until a department or agency head appointed or designated by the President after noon on January 20, 2025, reviews and approves the rule. The department or agency head may delegate this power of review and approval to any other person so appointed or designated by the President, consistent with applicable law. The Director or Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget (the “OMB Director”) may exempt any rule that he deems necessary to address emergency situations or other urgent circumstances, including rules subject to statutory or judicial deadlines that require prompt action.

(2) Immediately withdraw any rules that have been sent to the OFR but not published in the *Federal Register*, so that they can be reviewed and approved as described in paragraph 1, subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 1.

(3) Consistent with applicable law and subject to the exceptions described in paragraph 1, consider postponing for 60 days from the date of this memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the *Federal Register*, or any rules that have been issued in any manner but have not taken effect, for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. During this 60-day period, where appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider opening a comment period to allow interested parties to provide comments about issues of fact, law, and policy raised by the rules postponed under this memorandum, and consider reevaluating pending petitions involving such rules. As appropriate and consistent with applicable law, and where necessary to continue to review these questions of fact, law, and policy, consider further delaying, or publishing for notice and comment, proposed rules further delaying such rules beyond the 60-day period.

(4) Following the postponement described in paragraph 3, no further action needs to be taken for those rules that raise no substantial questions of fact, law, or policy. For those rules that raise substantial questions of fact, law, or policy, agencies should notify and take further appropriate action in consultation with the OMB Director.

(5) Comply in all circumstances with any applicable Executive Orders concerning regulatory management.

As used in this memorandum, “rule” has the definition set forth in section 551(4), title 5, United States Code. It also includes any “regulatory action,” as defined in section 3(e) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, as amended, and any “guidance document” as defined in section 2(b) of Executive Order 13891 of October 9, 2019 (Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents), when that order was in effect. Thus, the requirements of this memorandum apply not only to “rules” as defined in section 551(4) of title 5, but also to any substantive action by an agency (normally published in the *Federal Register*) that promulgates

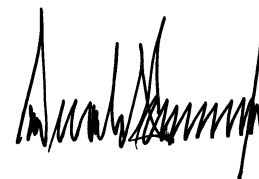
or is expected to lead to the promulgation of a final rule or regulation, including notices of inquiry, advance notices of proposed rulemaking, and notices of proposed rulemaking. They shall also apply to any agency statement of general applicability and future effect that sets forth a policy on a statutory, regulatory, or technical issue or an interpretation of a statutory or regulatory issue.

The OMB Director shall oversee the implementation of this memorandum, and any communications regarding any matters pertaining to this review should be addressed to the OMB Director. The OMB Director is also authorized to establish a process to review pending collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as codified in chapter 35, title 44, United States Code, and to take actions that the OMB Director deems appropriate based on that review, consistent with applicable law.

Should actions be identified that were undertaken before noon on January 20, 2025, that frustrate the purpose underlying this memorandum, I may modify or extend this memorandum, to require that department and agency heads consider taking steps to address those actions.

The OMB Director is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 20, 2025

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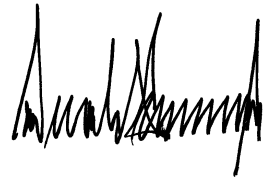
Memorandum of January 20, 2025

Return to In-Person Work

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Heads of all departments and agencies in the executive branch of Government shall, as soon as practicable, take all necessary steps to terminate remote work arrangements and require employees to return to work in-person at their respective duty stations on a full-time basis, provided that the department and agency heads shall make exemptions they deem necessary.

This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 20, 2025

Rules and Regulations

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains regulatory documents having general applicability and legal effect, most of which are keyed to and codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, which is published under 50 titles pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 1510.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 11

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0004]

RIN 0579–AE70

Horse Protection Amendments; Postponement of Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; postponement of regulations.

SUMMARY: On May 8, 2024, we published a final rule amending the horse protection regulations to provide, among other provisions, that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will screen, train, and authorize qualified persons for appointment by the management of any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction to detect and diagnose soring at such events for the purposes of enforcing the Horse Protection Act. With the exception of § 11.19, which went into effect on June 7, 2024, the remainder of the rule was scheduled to go into effect on February 1, 2025. In this document, we are issuing a temporary postponement of the effective date of those regulations for 60 days, from February 1, 2025 to April 2, 2025.

DATES: The effective date of 9 CFR 11.1 through 11.18, published at 89 FR 39194–39251, May 8, 2024, is delayed until April 2, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sarah Helming, Deputy Administrator, Animal Care, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737–1234; (970) 494–7478; sarah.j.helming@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 8, 2024, we published a final rule (89 FR 39194–39251) (“the rule”) amending the horse protection regulations to provide, among other provisions, that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

(“APHIS”) will screen, train, and authorize qualified persons for appointment by the management of any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction to detect and diagnose soring at such events for the purposes of enforcing the Horse Protection Act. With the exception of § 11.19 of the rule (“Authorization and training of Horse Protection Inspectors”) which went into effect on June 7, 2024, the remainder of the rule was scheduled to go into effect on February 1, 2025.

On July 1, 2024, a complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas and amended on September 23, 2024.¹ The amended complaint alleges, in part, that the rule exceeds APHIS’s statutory authority, would have a significant economic impact on the Tennessee Walking Horse industry altogether, and requests vacatur of the rule. The parties completed briefing on their cross-motions for summary judgment on December 20, 2024. The parties have notified the court of the rule’s February 1, 2025 effective date, and are currently awaiting a decision on the merits from the court.

Under Section 705 of the Administrative Procedure Act, “[w]hen an agency finds that justice so requires, it may postpone the effective date of action taken by it, pending judicial review.” 5 U.S.C. 705. In light of the pending litigation, and for the following reasons, APHIS has determined that justice requires postponement of the effective date of the remainder of the rule—*i.e.*, all provisions except for § 11.19—for 60 days, to April 2, 2025.² The postponement will temporarily preserve the regulatory status quo while the litigation is pending. The plaintiffs have raised serious questions concerning the validity of certain provisions of the rule, including the prohibitions of action devices and substances, and the provision on dermatological conditions indicative of soring. Specifically, plaintiffs allege

that: APHIS’s data supporting the rule is unreliable because it overstates the rate of soring violations in Tennessee Walking Horses; APHIS’s ban on action devices, pads and substances exceeds its statutory authority because those items, by themselves, do not cause soring; APHIS’s “dermatologic conditions indicative of soring” provision is unconstitutionally vague and will permit arbitrary disqualifications; APHIS’s inspection process does not provide owners and trainers due process in that there is no mechanism for a pre-deprivation review of either a pre- or post-show disqualification; APHIS’s abolition of Designated Qualified Persons is unsupported by the evidence before the Agency, is contrary to the statutory intent of having the industry work with APHIS to police itself, and arbitrarily limits the ability of professional horse trainers or farriers to participate; APHIS’s economic analysis is deficient in that it relies on outdated data and inadequately addresses the rule’s impact on industry and the larger U.S. economy; and APHIS failed to comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, in that it did not address the rule’s significant impact on small entities.

The Tennessee Walking Horse industry also contends that the rule’s ban on action devices and pads will eliminate the Performance division of competition. A comment on the proposed rule suggested that Performance division Tennessee Walking Horses have been specifically bred and trained to compete with action devices and pads and cannot simply be retrained to compete as a flat-shod horse; however, no comment included specific evidence that Performance division horses trained to perform with the use of pads and action devices cannot perform well without them. A postponement at this time will temporarily delay the potential loss in value of horses that horse owners allege will occur when the rule’s ban on action devices and pads is implemented.

Although APHIS opposed plaintiffs’ legal arguments in summary judgment briefing, and does not through this action concede that its own arguments lack merit or are unreasonable, plaintiffs raise significant legal challenges, and there is much uncertainty as to how the Court will decide. In addition, the competition season for regulated Tennessee Walking Horses runs from

¹ *The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association, et al. v. United States Department of Agriculture, et al.*, 2:24-cv-00143 (N.D. Tex.).

² We do not, through this action, postpone the effective date of § 11.19 because, as courts have held, “[5 U.S.C.] 705 permits an agency to ‘postpone the effective date’ of a rule that has not yet taken effect, but does not permit an agency to suspend, without notice and comment, a rule that is already in effect.” *Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Regan*, 691 F. Supp. 3d 1, 8 (D.D.C. 2023).

February to November annually, and the industry will benefit from extension of the status quo, which will reduce the risk of shifting legal regimes and lack of clarity in the event the rule goes into effect and is later modified or altered by court order.

If the court were to vacate, enjoin or modify the rule shortly before or after it otherwise would become effective, there would be costs associated with reverting back to the previous regulatory regime on short notice. It will be disruptive for the industry to change the structure of its shows and the list of prohibitions in the event of a shifting regulatory change, *e.g.*, if the court decides in favor of plaintiffs in any material respect. It may also be disruptive to horse owners and trainers who do not know whether to sell, relinquish, or re-train their horses to compete in the flat-shod division while the litigation is pending. A postponement will preserve the existing status quo—a legal and regulatory regime that has applied for years prior to the effective date—and eliminate uncertainty for the duration of the postponement, providing predictability to the regulated industry for at least the beginning of the 2025 show season, which starts on or about February 28, 2025.

Given this legal uncertainty and the significant issues raised in the litigation, maintaining the status quo will avoid harm to the regulated industry, including plaintiffs and similarly situated stakeholders. Setting aside plaintiffs' legal challenges to the rule, we also note that other stakeholders have requested a postponement of the effective date for related reasons arising from the impending show season and a lack of clarity as to how the rule will operate: For example, one stakeholder group has conveyed to the Agency that proceeding forward with the original implementation date will undermine confidence in the Agency, the rule, and the ability to enforce the rule in a fair and transparent manner. Among other concerns, the stakeholder cited significant confusion within the industry about the rule, and has received numerous questions and concerns on a daily basis. There are also questions regarding Agency resources and whether personnel and funding are sufficient to implement the new rule. In light of this lack of clarity, the stakeholder requested that the Agency consider a postponement of the effective date of the rule, in order to afford it an opportunity to work collaboratively with APHIS to ensure that the rule achieves its intended purpose.

Like the harm to the industry of not issuing a postponement, as discussed

above, there are significant costs to the Agency associated with a change in regulatory regimes (*i.e.*, if the rule is enjoined), such as investments in training of personnel, resources required to conduct stakeholder outreach, and potentially disruptions to administrative enforcement actions. A sixty-day delay will provide the Agency additional time to assess the impact of any decision and respond accordingly.

The Agency has considered the public interest in furthering the humane treatment of horses and the effect to the regulated industry and APHIS, as described above. Considering the harms associated with regulatory uncertainty against the limited duration of the postponement of the rule, APHIS has determined that the balance of harms weighs in favor of a 60-day postponement. In accordance with law, this postponement is made without a notice-and-comment period. Notice and comment is not required when an agency delays the effective date of a rule under section 705 of the APA because such a stay is not substantive rulemaking; it merely maintains the status quo to allow for judicial review. *See Bauer v. DeVos*, 325 F. Supp. 3d 74, 106–07 (D.D.C. 2018); *Sierra Club v. Jackson*, 833 F. Supp. 2d 11, 28 (D.D.C. 2012).

This postponement likewise is in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum titled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” issued January 20, 2025, which orders all agencies to consider postponing for 60 days the effective date of any rule that has not taken effect, for the purpose of reviewing any question of fact, law or policy that the rule raises.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 705; 15 U.S.C. 1823–1825 and 1828; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.7.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of January 2025.

Bruce Summers,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 81, and 751

[FRL–12583–01–OA]

Delay of Effective Date for 4 Final Regulations Published by the Environmental Protection Agency Between November 29, 2024, and December 31, 2024

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective dates.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from President Donald J. Trump, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” this action temporarily delays until March 21, 2025, the effective date of the regulations listed in the table below. EPA has initially identified 4 regulations that meet the criteria in the memo and may identify additional regulations in subsequent notices.

DATES: As of January 28, 2025, the effective date of the rules published at 89 FR 102568 (12/17/2024), 89 FR 95034 (11/29/2024), 89 FR 106357 (12/30/2024), and 89 FR 107012 (12/31/2024), are delayed to a new effective date of March 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Nickerson, Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management, Office of Policy, Mail code 1804, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566–0326; nickerson.william@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is taking this action in response to the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” The memorandum directed the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to consider postponing for sixty days from the date of the memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the **Federal Register** but had not yet taken effect for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. EPA is delaying the effective dates for the 4 regulations listed in the table below. The new effective date for these regulations is March 21, 2025.

The EPA is taking this action, without opportunity for public comment and effective immediately, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary and contrary to the public

interest. The temporary delay in effective dates until March 21, 2025, is necessary to give Agency officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the memorandum of the President, dated January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective dates of these regulations, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay is

impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. In addition, to the extent any regulation below is an interpretive rule, general statement of policy, or rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice, it is exempt from notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

For the foregoing reasons, the good cause exception in 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) also applies to EPA's decision to make this action effectively immediately. Moreover, to the extent that extending the effective date of any of these rules would grant an exception or relieve a restriction, an exception also applies under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

Federal Register citation	Title	Publication date	Original effective date	New effective date
89 FR 102568	Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).	12/17/2024	¹ 1/16/2025	3/21/2025
89 FR 95034	Appendix W—Revisions to the Guideline on Air Quality Models	11/29/2024	1/28/2025	3/21/2025
89 FR 106357	Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Alton Township 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Redesignation and Maintenance Plan.	12/30/2024	1/29/2025	3/21/2025
89 FR 107012	Air Plan Revisions; California; Feather River Air Quality Management District.	12/31/2024	1/30/2025	3/21/2025

¹ On December 17, 2024, EPA published a final rule under section 6(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2605(a)) to address the unreasonable risk of injury to health presented by trichloroethylene, with an effective date of January 16, 2025. *Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)*, 89 FR 102568 (Dec. 17, 2024). Thirteen petitions for review of that rule were filed in various Circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals. On January 13, 2025, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a petitioner's motion to temporarily stay the rule's effective date. The petitions were then consolidated by the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation and transferred to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. By an order dated January 16, 2025, the Third Circuit left the temporary stay of the effective date in place pending briefing on whether the temporary stay of the effective date should remain in effect. Because of the decisions of the Fifth and Third Circuits, the rule never went into effect and is therefore also covered by the terms of the Regulatory Freeze Pending Review memorandum. Accordingly, the Agency includes this rule in this action.

Where appropriate, the Agency may consider further delaying the effective dates of the above-referenced regulations beyond March 21, 2025. If the Agency were to do so, consistent with the memorandum of the President, the Agency would consider whether to propose any later effective date for public comment.

James Payne,
Acting Administrator.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1611

Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is required by law to establish maximum income levels for individuals eligible for legal assistance. This document updates the specified income levels to reflect the annual amendments to the Federal Poverty Guidelines issued by the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

DATES: Effective January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stefanie K. Davis, Deputy General Counsel and Ethics Officer, Legal Services Corporation, 1825 I St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 295–1563; sdavis@lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1007(a)(2) of the Legal Services Corporation Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2996f(a)(2), requires LSC to establish maximum income levels for individuals eligible for legal assistance. Section 1611.3(c) of LSC's regulations establishes a maximum income level equivalent to 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (Guidelines), which HHS is responsible for updating and issuing. 45 CFR 1611.3(c).

Each year, LSC updates appendix A to 45 CFR part 1611 to provide client income eligibility standards based on the most recent Guidelines. The figures for 2025, set out below, are equivalent to 125% of the Guidelines published by HHS on January 17, 2025.

In addition, LSC is publishing a chart listing income levels that are 200% of the Guidelines. This chart is for reference purposes only as an aid to recipients in assessing the financial

eligibility of an applicant whose income is greater than 125% of the applicable Guidelines amount, but less than 200% of the applicable Guidelines amount (and who may be found to be financially eligible under duly adopted exceptions to the annual income ceiling in accordance with 45 CFR 1611.3, 1611.4, and 1611.5).

Except where there are minor variances due to rounding, the amount by which the guideline increases for each additional member of the household is a consistent amount.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 1611

Grant programs—law, Legal services.

For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Legal Services Corporation amends 45 CFR part 1611 as follows:

PART 1611—ELIGIBILITY

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1611 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).

■ 2. Revise appendix A to part 1611 to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 1611—Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2025 INCOME GUIDELINES *

Size of household	48 Contiguous states and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$19,563	\$24,438	\$22,488
2	26,438	33,038	30,400
3	33,313	41,638	38,313
4	40,188	50,238	46,225
5	47,063	58,838	54,138
6	53,938	67,438	62,050
7	60,813	76,038	69,963
8	67,688	84,638	77,875
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	6,875	8,600	7,913

*The figures in this table represent 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

REFERENCE CHART—200% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES *

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$31,300	\$39,100	\$ 35,980
2	42,300	52,860	48,640
3	53,300	66,620	61,300
4	64,300	80,380	73,960
5	75,300	94,140	86,620
6	86,300	107,900	99,280
7	97,300	121,660	111,940
8	108,300	135,420	124,600
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	11,000	13,760	12,660

*The figures in this table represent 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).)

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Stefanie Davis,
Deputy General Counsel and Ethics Officer,
Legal Services Corporation.
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Notices

Federal Register

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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.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of virtual business meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that the Texas Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual business meeting via ZoomGov on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 1 p.m.–2 p.m. central time (CT). The purpose of the meeting is to debrief their online panel on racial disparities in maternal mortality.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 25th, from 1 p.m.–2 p.m. CT.

Zoom Webinar Link to Join (Audio/Visual): <https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN/R5mt35dTQBqVaPnV3jhqxQ>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brooke Peery, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov or by phone at (202) 701–1376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through the videoconference link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any

incurred charges. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email Angelica Trevino, Support Services Specialist, atrevino@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments can be sent via email to Brooke Peery (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Texas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <https://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at atrevino@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Committee Discussion
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: January 22, 2025.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of virtual briefing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA) that the Texas Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual briefing via ZoomGov on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. central time (CT). The purpose of the briefing is to hear testimony on maternal mortality.

DATES: The briefing will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. CT.

ADDRESSES:

Zoom Webinar Link to Join (Audio/Visual): <https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN/wllatPvSCWQIQsHRUAYHQ>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brooke Peery, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at bpeery@usccr.gov or by phone at (202) 701–1376.

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www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Texas Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at atrevido@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Opening Remarks
- II. Panelist Remarks
- III. Committee Q&A
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: January 22, 2025.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-552-840]

Certain Paper Plates From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain paper plates (paper plates) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) during the period of investigation, January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Kolberg, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination* in the *Federal Register* and invited interested parties to comment.¹ On July 22, 2024,

¹ See *Certain Paper Plates from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, and Alignment of Final Determination with Antidumping Duty*

Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.² The deadline for the final determination is now January 21, 2025.

A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ 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 <http://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 Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from Vietnam. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation, and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation, are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1920, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce determines

Determination, 89 FR 54429 (July 1, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

³ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination of the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an "authority" that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a full description of the methodology underlying our final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

In making this final determination, Commerce relied, in part, on facts otherwise available, including adverse facts available (AFA), pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. For a full discussion of our application of AFA, see the *Preliminary Determination*, section "Use of Facts Available and Adverse Inferences" in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁵

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, between July 15 through July 19, 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the subsidy information reported by Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Limited (Go-Pak).⁶ We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting records and original source documents provided by Go-Pak.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In accordance with sections 703(e)(1) and 776(a) and 776(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce continues to find that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of paper plates from Vietnam for Xie Li Vietnam International Company Limited (Xie Li), the non-responsive companies,⁷ and all other producers and exporters. In addition, we continue to find that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of paper plates from Go-Pak. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the information received during

⁴ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; see also section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁵ *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 7-17.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co., Ltd.," dated August 1, 2024.

⁷ In addition to Xie Li, the mandatory respondent that timely notified Commerce of its intent to withdraw from the investigation following its response to the affiliation portion of the initial questionnaire, there are four other non-responsive companies: (1) Innovative Sonic Vietnam International; (2) Ningbo Changya Plastic Vietnam Company; (3) Ningbo Changya Plastic Vietnam; and (4) SCG Vietnam.

verification, for this final determination, we made certain changes to the countervailable subsidy rate calculations for Go-Pak and for all other producers/exporters. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act, Commerce will determine an all-others rate equal to the weighted average countervailable subsidy rates established for those exporters and/or producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* countervailable subsidy rates and any rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act. In this investigation, Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Go-Pak that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely under section 776 of the Act. Because the individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Xie Li and the four non-responsive companies is based entirely upon section 776 of the Act, Commerce is using the individual estimated subsidy rate calculated for Go-Pak as the all-others rate.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist for the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co., Ltd	5.53
Innovative Sonic Vietnam International	* 225.90
Ningbo Changya Plastic Vietnam Company	* 225.90
Ningbo Changya Plastic Vietnam	* 225.90
SCG Vietnam	* 225.90
Xie Li	* 225.90
All Others	5.53

* Rate based on AFA.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed in connection with this final determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our *Preliminary Determination*, and pursuant to sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border

Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from Vietnam that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after July 1, 2024, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register** for entries produced and/or exported by Go-Pak. Because we preliminarily determined that critical circumstances existed with respect to Xie Li, the four non-responsive companies, and all other producers and/or exporters, we instructed CBP to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from Vietnam that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after April 2, 2024, which is 90 days prior to the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after, October 29, 2024, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise that were subject to suspension of liquidation between April 2, 2024, and October 28, 2024.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a countervailing duty order, reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act, and require a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties for such entries of subject merchandise. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all estimated duties deposited or securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or cancelled.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our final affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of paper plates from Vietnam. Because the final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 705(b) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper plates from Vietnam no later than 45 days after our final determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and nonproprietary information related to this investigation. We will allow the ITC

access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded.

If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue a countervailing duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Order

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to 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/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

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may

be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the

written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

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

- I. Summary
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 - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Properly Found That the Import Duty Exemptions on Imported Raw Materials By Export Processing Enterprises and Export Processing Zones Program Is Countervailable
 - Comment 2: Whether Commerce Properly Found That Import Duty Exemptions on Imported Fixed Assets By Export Processing Enterprises and Export Processing Zones Program is Countervailable
 - Comment 3: Whether Commerce Properly Applied Adverse Facts Available (AFA) to the Three State-Owned Commercial Bank Programs
 - Comment 4: Whether Commerce Properly Found the Accelerated Depreciation and Increases of Deductible Expense Tax Program Is Countervailable
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–602–812, A–351–862, A–122–871, A–201–863, A–421–818, A–791–829, A–583–878, A–489–855, A–520–811, A–552–843]

Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, the Republic of Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

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

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Krishna Hill at (202) 482–4037 (Australia), Benjamin Blythe at (202) 482–3457 (Canada), Nathan Araya at (202) 482–3401 (Brazil), William Horn at (202) 482–4868 (Mexico), Rachel Jennings at (202) 482–1110 and Miranda Bourdeau at (202) 482–2021 (the Netherlands), Jacob Saude at (202) 482–0981 (South Africa), Monique Cummings at (202) 482–3996 and

Preston Cox at (240) 956–8630 (Taiwan), Brittany Bauer at (202) 482–3860 and Olivia Woolverton at (202) 482–2000 (the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye)), Lingjun Wang at (202) 482–2316 and Jose Riviera at (202) 482–0842 (the United Arab Emirates (UAE)), and Jacob Waddell at (202) 482–1369 (the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE) from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, Türkiye, the UAE, and Vietnam.¹ Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than February 12, 2025.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1)(A)(b)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On January 10, 2025, the petitioners² submitted timely requests that

¹ See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, the Republic of Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 80196 (October 2, 2024).

² The petitioners are Steel Dynamics, Inc., Nucor Corporation, United States Steel Corporation,

Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in the LTFV investigations of CORE from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Africa, Taiwan, Türkiye, the UAE, and Vietnam.³ The petitioners stated, “[p]ostponement of the preliminary determinations is necessary and appropriate given the size and complexity of these investigations, the number of participating respondents, and the numerous extensions of time received by respondents to submit responses to Commerce’s initial questionnaire,” and that the postponement “will allow Commerce adequate time to issue supplemental questionnaires and develop a comprehensive record in these investigations.”⁴

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e), Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days (*i.e.*, to 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations in the above-referenced investigations no later than April 3, 2025. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary For Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Arizona State University, et al.; Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before February 18, 2025. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 41006, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Please also email a copy of those comments to Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov.

Docket Number: 24–028. Applicant: Arizona State University, 1711 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85281. Instrument: Ultra High Pressure Multi-Anvil apparatus with DIA module. Manufacturer: Max Voggenreiter GmbH, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to enable materials to be processed under a much wider range of pressure and temperature than currently available in the United States. Materials subjected to extreme pressure (and temperature) undergo significant changes in shape, bonding and atomic-scale structure. The goal of the FORCE Mid-Scale Research Instrumentation Project is to establish a Facility for High Pressure Research located at Arizona State University (ASU), but accessible to researchers throughout the U.S., and the rest of the World, through the acquisition and implementation of highly specialized high-pressure instrumentation. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 15, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–034. Applicant: University of Colorado JILA Department, Campus Box 440, UCB, JILA Building, Room S/175, Boulder, CO 80309. Instrument: Thulium-doped fiber laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: According to the applicant, the instrument is intended to be used with the purchase of a laser

with a center wavelength of 502.88 nm and 1 watt of output power. This laser will couple certain vibrational and electronic states of the molecule YO, which is the system under study in our lab. Currently, we use a 649 nm laser (also from Precilasers) to couple a different set of levels. Integrating this laser into our experiment, we expect a significant enhancement in the number of molecules we can trap enabling new scientific goals. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 8, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–035. Applicant: University of Colorado JILA Department, Campus Box 440 UCB, JILA Building, Room S/175, Boulder, CO 80309. Instrument: Soft X-ray scientific CMOS camera. Manufacturer: Fuzhou Tucsen Photonics, Ltd., China. Intended Use: According to the applicant, the instrument is intended to be used as a low-dose soft X-ray ptychographic imaging, for biological samples, which can benefit from an imaging sensor with high frame rates, low read out noise and high quantum efficiency. Our current generation tabletop soft X-ray source is limited to low flux, further adding to the need for a high sensitivity X-ray camera. Most of our current cameras utilize backside illuminated CCD technology, which is somewhat limited in all of those categories. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: July 23, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–036. Applicant: Cornell University, Clark Hall, 142 Sciences Drive, Room 272, Ithaca, NY 14853–2501. Instrument: Narrow Linewidth Fiber Laser. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Company, Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for the trapping and controlling chains of singly ionized barium atoms. The materials to be investigated are quantum information aspects associated with the internal level structure of the atoms and their quantum mechanical motion. Studying the efficiency of quantum algorithms using trapped ion systems and utilizing trapped ion systems as precision probes for search of new physics. Graduate students in the Katz Lab will use the lasers to assemble the trapped ion setup, gaining advanced knowledge in optics and quantum information processing. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the

Wheeling-Nippon Steel, Inc., and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL–CIO, CLC.

³ See Petitioners’ Letter, “Postponement of the Preliminary Determinations,” dated January 10, 2025.

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 22, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–037. Applicant: Tulane University, 6823 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. Instrument: Multi-collector high resolution inductively-coupled plasma mass spectrometer with collision cell. Manufacturer: Nu Instruments, United Kingdom. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to enhance the research capabilities of the Earth and Environmental Sciences department. Currently planned experiments include using thallium isotopes and selenium isotopes to study past ocean oxygen variations from rock samples, strontium and calcium isotopes to investigate calcium carbonate saturation states, and boron isotopes to reconstruct past ocean acidity from corals. These analyses will provide important insights of past climate change and geochemical cycles of various elements. This instrument maybe used for demonstration purposes only for high level analytical chemistry and geochemistry classes. The goal of this course is to introduce the use of stable and radioactive isotopes as tools to trace the movement of air, water, and sediments through the atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and lithosphere. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 22, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–038. Applicant: Harvard University, 17 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 01238. Instrument: Narrow linewidth lasers with accompanying accessories (2). Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilasers Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for research focusing on using ultracold Strontium monohydroxide (SrOH) molecules for precision measurements of physics beyond the Standard Model, including the electron Electric Dipole Moment (eEDM) and dark matter. To conduct these precision measurements, the SrOH molecules must first be laser-slowed and laser-cooled to extremely low temperatures and high densities. A high-power, single-frequency 688 nm laser system from Shanghai Precilasers will be used to cool the SrOH molecules inside a magneto-optical trap (MOT). This process requires precise addressing of a transition with MHz precision and a high photon scattering rate for eReactive trapping. Justification for Duty-Free

Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: November 13, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–039. Applicant: University of Chicago, High Bay Research Building, 5602 S Maryland, Chicago, IL 60637. Instrument: Telescope Mirror Test Stand. Manufacturer: Carpentaria Colombo Ferruccio SRL, Italy. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study the thermal and gravitational deformation of a 5.5 meter diameter, monolithic aluminum mirror which serves as the primary reflecting mirror on a telescope designed to study primordial gravitational waves. The objectives are to characterize the deformation of the mirror under different thermal gradients and changing elevation angles to allow development of algorithms to correct the optical images. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 27, 2024.

Docket Number: 24–040. Applicant: University of California, Santa Barbara, 2509 Broida Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 93106–9530. Instrument: Low Noise Laser Amplifier. Manufacturer: Shanghai Precilaser Technology Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: The low noise laser amplifier at 1064 nm will be used in a cold atom experiment at University of California, Santa Barbara, for opCcal trapping and manipulaCon of ultracold potassium-39 atoms. It will be seeded by our own 500 mW 1064 laser and will produce 100 W output power. Potassium-39 atoms at low temperature will be loaded into the opCcal traps created by the laser amplifier. Combining with acousto-opCcal modulators, we will be able to alter the quantum state of the atoms in the opCcal potenCals, and perform experiments about quantum interacCve dynamics and other quantum simulaCons. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 4, 2024.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Gregory W. Campbell,
Director, Subsidies and Economic Analysis,
Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Paper Plates From Thailand: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain paper plates (paper plates) from Thailand are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Pearson, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2631.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 5, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of paper plates from Thailand and invited interested parties to comment.¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

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>.

¹ See *Certain Paper Plates from Thailand: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, and Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 89 FR 72370 (September 5, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from Thailand,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Verification

Commerce verified the sales and cost information submitted by Thai Paper Co., Ltd. (Thai Paper) for use in our final determination, consistent with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant sales and accounting records, and original source documents provided by Thai Paper.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs submitted by interested parties in this investigation are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as Appendix II.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

Commerce preliminarily determined, in accordance with section 733(e)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of paper plates from Thailand for the seven companies⁴ that were non-responsive to our quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaire. For the final determination, pursuant to section 735(a)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, we continue to find that critical circumstances exist for these seven companies. Further, we continue to find that critical circumstances do not exist with regard to Thai Paper, the companies that responded to the Q&V questionnaire (*i.e.*, Nirvana Foods & Commerce International Co., Ltd. (Nirvana); Pandora Production Co

(Pandora); and SNC Cup Co., Ltd. (SNC Cup)), and all others.

Use of Adverse Facts Available (AFA)

As discussed in the *Preliminary Determination*, Commerce assigned dumping margins on the basis of AFA, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, to the seven companies that were non-responsive to the Q&V questionnaire.⁵ For this final determination, we continue to find that the application of AFA, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, is warranted with respect to the seven non-responsive companies.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

We made changes since the *Preliminary Determination* to use Thai Paper's corrected and verified sales databases. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provides that the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers and exporters not individually investigated shall be equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for individually investigated exporters and producers, excluding rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or determined entirely under section 776 of the Act, *i.e.*, facts otherwise available.

For the final determination of this investigation, Thai Paper was the only individually examined exporter/producer for which Commerce calculated an individual estimated weighted average dumping margin. Because Thai Paper's dumping margin is the only individually calculated dumping margin that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average dumping margin calculated for Thai Paper is the margin assigned to all other producers and exporters and the non-selected respondents, Nirvana, Pandora, and SNC Cup.⁶

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Thai Paper Co., Ltd	5.57
Nirvana Foods & Commerce International Co., Ltd	5.57
Pandora Production Co	5.57
SNC Cup Co., Ltd	5.57
ABC Digital Technology Co Ltd	* 73.17
Beeconscious Co	* 73.17
Dester Co, Ltd	* 73.17
Pimplapas Printing Co., Ltd	* 73.17
Sincerely Cargo	* 73.17
Thai Coconut Co Ltd	* 73.17
Thai Union Manufacturing Co., Ltd	* 73.17
All Others	5.57

* Rate based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection with this final determination to interested parties within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix II of this notice, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 5, 2024, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**.

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of: (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered; or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. Commerce finds that critical circumstances exist for imports of subject merchandise produced or exported by the seven non-responsive companies. In accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension

³ See Memorandum, "Verification of the Sales Questionnaire Responses of Thai Paper Co., Ltd.," dated September 23, 2024; see also Memoranda, "Verification of the Sales Questionnaire Responses of Go-Pak UK Ltd.," dated October 17, 2024; and, "Verification of the Cost Response of Thai Paper Company Limited," dated December 2, 2024.

⁴ The seven non-responsive companies are: (1) ABC Digital Technology Co Ltd; (2) Beeconscious Co; (3) Dester Co, Ltd; (4) Pimplapas Printing Co., Ltd; (5) Sincerely Cargo; (6) Thai Coconut Co Ltd; and (7) Thai Union Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

⁵ See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 38080.

⁶ See, e.g., *Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 78 FR 79670, 79671 (December 31, 2013), unchanged in *Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Affirmative Final Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 79 FR 14476, 14477 (March 14, 2014).

of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of shipments of subject merchandise produced or exported by the seven non-responsive companies that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 7, 2024, which is 90 days before the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), where appropriate, Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) the cash deposit rate for the companies listed above that exported the subject merchandise will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin determined in this final determination; (2) if the exporter is not a company identified above but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin for all other producers and exporters.

U.S. International Trade Commission Notification (ITC)

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce's final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports or sales (or the likelihood of sales) for importation of paper plates no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that such injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, all cash deposits posted will be refunded, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section above.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice 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). 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This final determination and notice are issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not

otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part
- IV. Changes Since the *Preliminary Determination*
- V. Discussion of the Issues
 - Comment 1: Whether Commerce Should Recalculate Thai Paper's Quantity Discounts
 - Comment 2: Whether Commerce Should Find Multiple Levels of Trade (LOTs) in Thai Paper's Home Market
 - Comment 3: Whether Commerce Should Incorporate Updated Sales Databases
 - Comment 4: Whether Commerce Should Update the Cost Database
- VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A–552–839]

Certain Paper Plates From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain paper plates (paper plates) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) for the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Hansen, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On September 5, 2024, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* its preliminary affirmative determination in the LTFV investigation of paper plates from Vietnam and invited interested parties to comment.¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

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).

¹ See *Certain Paper Plates from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 89 FR 72375 (September 5, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value of Certain Paper Plates from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

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 Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from Vietnam. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Verification

Commerce verified sales and factors of production information submitted by Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co., Ltd. (Go-Pak Vietnam) for use in our final determination, consistent with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant sales and accounting records, and original source documents provided by Go-Pak Vietnam.

Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by the parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as Appendix II.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

Commerce preliminarily determined, in accordance with section 733(e)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.206(c)(1), that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of paper plates for the Vietnam-wide entity but not for Go-Pak Vietnam.⁴ Further, for the final determination, pursuant to section 735(a)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, we continue to find that critical circumstances exist for the Vietnam-wide entity and that critical

circumstances do not exist for Go-Pak Vietnam.⁵

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the information at verification and comments received from interested parties, we made certain changes to the calculation of Go-Pak Vietnam's estimated weighted-average dumping margin. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Vietnam-Wide Entity and Use of Adverse Facts Available

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*,⁶ Commerce continues to find, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, that the use of facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, is warranted in determining the dumping rate for the Vietnam-wide entity. For this final determination there is no new information on the record that would cause us to revisit our decision in the preliminary determination. Therefore, as adverse facts available (AFA), we have continued to assign a rate of 165.27 percent, which is the highest dumping margin alleged in the petition, to the Vietnam-wide entity.⁷

Separate Rates

No interested party commented on Commerce's preliminary separate rate determination⁸ and we have no basis to reconsider this determination. Accordingly, we continue to find that Go-Pak Vietnam is the sole respondent eligible for a separate rate.

Combination Rates

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*, and Policy Bulletin 05.1,⁹ Commerce calculated a producer/exporter combination rate for Go-Pak Vietnam, *i.e.*, the sole respondent eligible for a separate rate.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

⁵ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at 2–4.

⁶ See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 11–15.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* at 9–11.

⁹ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

³ See Memoranda, "Factors of Production Verification Report," dated October 15, 2024; and "Sales Verification Report," dated October 25, 2024.

⁴ See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 72376.

Exporter	Producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for export subsidy offset) (percent)
Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co., Ltd	Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co., Ltd	30.42	24.89
Vietnam-Wide Entity		* 165.27	159.74

* Rate based on AFA.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in this final determination to interested parties within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) and (C) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I of this notice, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** for Go-Pak Vietnam.

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of: (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered; or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. Commerce finds that critical circumstances exist for imports of subject merchandise produced or exported by the Vietnam-wide entity. In accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of shipments of subject merchandise from the producer(s) or exporter(s) identified in this paragraph that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 7, 2024, which is 90 days before the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), upon the publication of this notice, Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for estimated

antidumping duties for appropriate entries.

Commerce will instruct CBP to require the following cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties for all appropriate entries: (1) for the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the applicable cash deposit rate is listed in the table for that combination; (2) for all combinations of Vietnamese producers/exporters of the merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for a separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for the Vietnam-wide entity; and (3) for all third-country exporters of the merchandise under consideration not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Vietnamese producer/exporter combination that supplied that third-country exporter or, if the exporter/producer combination does not have its own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the Vietnam-wide rate. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC)

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because Commerce's final determination in this investigation is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper plates no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded or canceled, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instructions by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for

consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface,

and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
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VII. Discussion of the Issues

Comment 1: Selection of Surrogate Value for Paper Input

Comment 2: Selection of Surrogate Financial Statements

Comment 3: Separate Valuation of Domestic Inland Freight Insurance

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VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–173]

Vanillin From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2024, in which it announced the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of vanillin from the People's Republic of China (China). In this notice, Commerce incorrectly identified the mandatory respondent in the investigation as Jiaxing Guihua Chemical Import and Export Co., Ltd. The correct name of the mandatory respondent is Jiaxing Guihua Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Pedersen, 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) 482–2769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 18, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** notice of the preliminary determination in the CVD investigation of vanillin from China.¹ In that notice, Commerce incorrectly identified the name of the mandatory respondent in the investigation as Jiaxing Guihua

¹ See *Vanillin from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 89 FR 90671 (November 18, 2024).

Chemical Import and Export Co., Ltd. The correct name of the mandatory respondent is Jiaxing Guihua Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of November 18, 2024, in FR Doc 2024–26770, at 89 FR 90672, correct the text and the table in the second column of the page, by replacing “Jiaxing Guihua Chemical Import and Export Co., Ltd.” with “Jiaxing Guihua Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.”

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–197]

Slag Pots From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable January 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Brummitt, Office III, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–7851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On December 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of slag pots from the People's Republic of China (China) filed in proper form on behalf of WHEMCO-Steel Castings, Inc. (the petitioner), a U.S. producer of slag pots.¹ The CVD Petition was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) petition concerning imports of slag pots from China.²

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties,” dated December 31, 2024 (Petition).

² *Id.*

Between January 6 and 14, 2025, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in supplemental questionnaires.³ On January 13 and 16, 2025, the petitioner filed timely responses to these requests for additional information.⁴

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of China (GOC) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of sections 701 and 771(5) of the Act, to producers of slag pots in China, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing slag pots in the United States. Consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(b), for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition was accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry, because the petitioner is an interested party, as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the requested CVD investigation.⁵

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on December 31, 2024, the period of investigation for the CVD investigation is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.⁶

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is slag pots from China. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, see the appendix to this notice.

³ See Commerce's Letters, "Supplemental Questions," dated January 6, 2025; and "Supplemental Questions," dated January 7, 2025 (General Issues Questionnaire); see also Memorandum "Phone Call with Counsel to the Petitioner, dated January 14, 2024 (January 14, 2025 Memorandum).

⁴ See Petitioner's Letters, "Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Countervailing Duty Petition," dated January 13, 2025; "Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Antidumping Volume I of the Petitions," dated January 13, 2025 (First General Issues Supplement); and "Response to Second Supplemental Questions Regarding Volume I of Petitions," dated January 16, 2025 (Second General Issues Supplement).

⁵ See section on "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition," *infra*.

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

Comments on the Scope of the Investigation

On January 7 and 14, 2025, Commerce requested information and clarification from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petition is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.⁷ On January 13 and 16, 2025, the petitioner provided clarifications and revised the scope.⁸ The description of merchandise covered by this investigation, as described in the appendix to this notice, reflects these clarifications.

As discussed in the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁹ Commerce will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination. If scope comments include factual information, all such factual information should be limited to public information.¹⁰ To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that scope comments be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on February 10, 2025, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, and should also be limited to public information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 20, 2025, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comment deadline.

Commerce requests that any factual information that parties consider relevant to the scope of the investigation be submitted during that time period. However, if a party subsequently finds that additional factual information pertaining to the scope of the investigation may be relevant, the party must contact Commerce and request permission to submit the additional information. All scope comments must be filed simultaneously on the records of the concurrent AD and CVD investigations.

Filing Requirements

All submissions to Commerce must be filed electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping Duty and

⁷ See General Issues Questionnaire; see also January 14, 2025, Memorandum.

⁸ See First General Issues Supplement at 1–3 and Exhibit I–SUPP–2; see also Second General Issues Supplement at 1 and Exhibit I–2Supp–1.

⁹ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining "factual information").

Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS), unless an exception applies.¹¹ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the time and date it is due.

Consultations

Pursuant to sections 702(b)(4)(A)(i) and (ii) of the Act, Commerce notified the GOC of the receipt of the Petition and provided an opportunity for consultations with respect to the Petition.¹² The GOC did not request consultations.¹³

Determination of Industry Support for the Petition

Section 702(b)(1) of the Act requires that a petition be filed on behalf of the domestic industry. Section 702(c)(4)(A) of the Act provides that a petition meets this requirement if the domestic producers or workers who support the petition account for: (i) at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product; and (ii) more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to, the petition. Moreover, section 702(c)(4)(D) of the Act provides that, if the petition does not establish support of domestic producers or workers accounting for more than 50 percent of the total production of the domestic like product, Commerce shall: (i) poll the industry or rely on other information in order to determine if there is support for the petition, as required by subparagraph (A); or (ii) determine industry support using a statistically valid sampling method to poll the "industry."

Section 771(4)(A) of the Act defines the "industry" as the producers as a whole of a domestic like product. Thus, to determine whether a petition has the requisite industry support, the statute directs Commerce to look to producers and workers who produce the domestic like product. The U.S. International

¹¹ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011); see also *Enforcement and Compliance: Change of Electronic Filing System Name*, 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014), for details of Commerce's electronic filing requirements, effective August 5, 2011. Information on using ACCESS can be found at <https://access.trade.gov/help.aspx> and a handbook can be found at https://access.trade.gov/help/Handbook_on_Electronic_Filing_Procedures.pdf.

¹² See Commerce's Letter, "Invitation for Consultation to Discuss the Countervailing Duty Petition," dated December 16, 2024.

¹³ The GOC submitted comments on the CVD petition. See GOC's Letter, "Comments on Countervailing Duty Petition," dated January 14, 2025.

Trade Commission (ITC), which is responsible for determining whether “the domestic industry” has been injured, must also determine what constitutes a domestic like product in order to define the industry. While both Commerce and the ITC apply the same statutory definition regarding the domestic like product,¹⁴ they do so for different purposes and pursuant to a separate and distinct authority. In addition, Commerce’s determination is subject to limitations of time and information. Although this may result in different definitions of the like product, such differences do not render the decision of either agency contrary to law.¹⁵

Section 771(10) of the Act defines the domestic like product as “a product which is like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the article subject to an investigation under this title.” Thus, the reference point from which the domestic like product analysis begins is “the article subject to an investigation” (*i.e.*, the class or kind of merchandise to be investigated, which normally will be the scope as defined in the petition).

With regard to the domestic like product, the petitioner does not offer a definition of the domestic like product distinct from the scope of the investigation.¹⁶ Based on our analysis of the information submitted on the record, we have determined that slag pots, as defined in the scope, constitute a single domestic like product, and we have analyzed industry support in terms of that domestic like product.¹⁷

In determining whether the petitioner has standing under section 702(c)(4)(A) of the Act, we considered the industry support data contained in the Petition with reference to the domestic like product as defined in the “Scope of the Investigation,” in the appendix to this notice. To establish industry support, the petitioner provided its own production of the domestic like product

in 2023 and compared this to the estimated total production of the domestic like product in 2023 by the U.S. slag pots industry.¹⁸ We relied on data provided by the petitioner for purposes of measuring industry support.¹⁹

Our review of the data provided in the Petition, the First General Issues Supplement, the Second General Issues Supplement, and other information readily available to Commerce indicates that the petitioner has established industry support for the Petition.²⁰ First, the Petition established support from domestic producers (or workers) accounting for more than 50 percent of the total production of the domestic like product and, as such, Commerce is not required to take further action in order to evaluate industry support (*e.g.*, polling).²¹ Second, the domestic producers (or workers) have met the statutory criteria for industry support under section 702(c)(4)(A)(i) of the Act because the domestic producers (or workers) who support the Petition account for at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product.²² Finally, the domestic producers (or workers) have met the statutory criteria for industry support under section 702(c)(4)(A)(ii) of the Act because the domestic producers (or workers) who support the Petition account for more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to, the Petition.²³ Accordingly, Commerce determines that the Petition was filed on behalf of the domestic industry within the meaning of section 702(b)(1) of the Act.²⁴

Injury Test

Because China is a “Subsidies Agreement Country” within the meaning of section 701(b) of the Act, section 701(a)(2) of the Act applies to this investigation. Accordingly, the ITC must determine whether imports of the subject merchandise from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, a U.S. industry.

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petitioner alleges that imports of the subject merchandise are benefiting

from countervailable subsidies and that such imports are causing, or threaten to cause, material injury to the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product. In addition, the petitioner alleges that subject imports from China exceed the negligibility threshold provided for under section 771(24)(A) of the Act.²⁵

The petitioner contends that the industry’s injured condition is illustrated by the significant volume and market share of subject imports; underselling and price suppression; lost sales and revenues; and declines in the domestic industry’s net sales quantities, employment variables, and financial performance.²⁶ We assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury, threat of material injury, causation, cumulation, as well as negligibility, and we have determined that these allegations are properly supported by adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation.²⁷

Initiation of CVD Investigation

Based upon the examination of the Petition and supplemental responses, we find that they meet the requirements of section 702 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating a CVD investigation to determine whether imports of slag pots from China benefit from countervailable subsidies conferred by the GOC. In accordance with section 703(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1), unless postponed, we will make our preliminary determination no later than 65 days after the date of this initiation.

Based on our review of the Petition, we find that there is sufficient information to initiate a CVD investigation on 29 of the 32 programs alleged by the petitioner. For a full discussion of the basis for our decision to initiate on each program, see the China CVD Initiation Checklist. A public version of the initiation checklist for this investigation is available on ACCESS.

Respondent Selection

In the Petition, the petitioner identified 11 companies in China as producers and/or exporters of slag pots.²⁸ Commerce intends to follow its

¹⁴ See section 771(10) of the Act.

¹⁵ See *USEC, Inc. v. United States*, 132 F. Supp. 2d 1, 8 (CIT 2001) (citing *Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd. v. United States*, 688 F. Supp. 639, 644 (CIT 1988), *aff’d Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd. v. United States*, 865 F.2d 240 (Fed. Cir. 1989)).

¹⁶ For a discussion of the domestic like product analysis as applied to this case and information regarding industry support, see Checklist, “Countervailing Duty Investigation Initiation Checklist: Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (China CVD Initiation Checklist), at Attachment II, Analysis of Industry Support for the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Covering Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China (Attachment II). This checklist is on file electronically via ACCESS.

¹⁷ See Attachment II of the China CVD Initiation Checklist.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ For further discussion, see Attachment II of the China CVD Initiation Checklist.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*; see also section 702(c)(4)(D) of the Act.

²² See Attachment II of the China CVD Initiation Checklist.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ For further information regarding negligibility and the injury allegation, see China CVD Initiation Checklist at Attachment III, Analysis of Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation for the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Covering Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China (Attachment III).

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ See Petition at Volume I (page 6 and Exhibit I–4); see also First General Issues Supplement at 1.

standard practice in CVD investigations and calculate company-specific subsidy rates in this investigation. In the event that Commerce determines that the number of companies is large and it cannot individually examine each company based on Commerce's resources, Commerce normally selects mandatory respondents in CVD investigations using U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry data for U.S. imports under the appropriate Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading(s) listed in the "Scope of the Investigation" in the appendix.

On January 16, 2025, Commerce released CBP data on imports of slag pots from China under administrative protective order (APO) to all parties with access to information protected by APO and indicated that interested parties wishing to comment on CBP data and/or respondent selection must do so within three business days of the publication date of the notice of initiation of this investigation.²⁹ Comments must be filed electronically using ACCESS. An electronically-filed document must be received successfully in its entirety via ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. ET on the specified deadline. Commerce will not accept rebuttal comments regarding the CBP data or respondent selection.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(b). Instructions for filing such applications may be found on Commerce's website at <https://www.trade.gov/administrative-protective-orders>.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(f), a copy of the public version of the Petition has been provided to the GOC via ACCESS. To the extent practicable, we will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the Petition to each exporter named in the Petition, as provided under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

ITC Notification

Commerce will notify the ITC of its initiation, as required by section 702(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will preliminarily determine, within 45 days after the date on which the Petition was filed, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of

slag pots from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, a U.S. industry.³⁰ A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated.³¹ Otherwise, this CVD investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

Submission of Factual Information

Factual information is defined in 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) as: (i) evidence submitted in response to questionnaires; (ii) evidence submitted in support of allegations; (iii) publicly available information to value factors of production 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). Section 351.301(b) of Commerce's regulations requires any party, when submitting factual information, to specify under which subsection of 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) the information is being submitted³² 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.³³ Time limits for the submission of factual information are addressed in 19 CFR 351.301, which provides specific time limits based on the type of factual information being submitted. Interested parties should review the regulations prior to submitting factual information in this investigation.

Extensions of Time Limits

Parties may request an extension of time limits before the expiration of a time limit established under 19 CFR 351.301, or as otherwise specified by Commerce. In general, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after the expiration of the time limit established under 19 CFR 351.301, or as otherwise specified by Commerce.³⁴ For submissions that are due from multiple parties simultaneously, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after 10:00 a.m. ET on the due date. 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, we will inform parties in a letter or memorandum of the deadline (including a specified time) by which extension requests must be filed to be considered timely. An extension request must be made in a separate, standalone submission; under limited circumstances we will grant untimely filed requests for the extension of time limits, where we determine, based on 19 CFR 351.302, that extraordinary circumstances exist. Parties should review Commerce's regulations concerning the extension of time limits and the *Time Limits Final Rule* prior to submitting factual information in this investigation.³⁵

Certification Requirements

Any party submitting factual information in an AD or CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information.³⁶ Parties must use the certification formats provided in 19 CFR 351.303(g).³⁷ Commerce intends to reject factual submissions if the submitting party does not comply with the applicable certification requirements.

Notification to Interested Parties

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Parties wishing to participate in this investigation should ensure that they meet the requirements of 19 CFR 351.103(d) (e.g., by filing the required letters of appearance). Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).³⁸

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 702 and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.203(c).

³⁵ See 19 CFR 351.301; see also *Extension of Time Limits; Final Rule*, 78 FR 57790 (September 20, 2013) (*Time Limits Final Rule*), available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/html/2013-22853.htm>.

³⁶ See section 782(b) of the Act.

³⁷ See *Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 42678 (July 17, 2013) (*Final Rule*); see also frequently asked questions regarding the *Final Rule*, available at https://enforcement.trade.gov/tlei/notices/factual_info_final_rule_FAQ_07172013.pdf.

³⁸ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

³⁰ See section 703(a)(1) of the Act.

³¹ *Id.*

³² See 19 CFR 351.301(b).

³³ See 19 CFR 351.301(b)(2).

³⁴ See 19 CFR 351.302.

²⁹ See Memorandum, "Release of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Entry Data," dated January 16, 2025.

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the investigation is slag pots with a nominal capacity of 65 cubic feet to 1200 cubic feet regardless of shape, form, or finish.

Slag pots are load bearing devices typically formed as a curved shell or bowl-shaped container. Slag pots are metallurgical goods typically produced either using a casting process or a fabrication process (e.g., welding) and may include a ceramic refractory coating, heat treatment or various finishes in order to handle high temperature slag. Slag pots may contain integral features or attachments including (1) legs (or a stand) and (2) pivotal mounting hooks or brackets. Legs (or a stand) are a fixed or detachable support structure which allows the slag pot to be securely positioned upright on a surface when not being lifted or transported and may also keep the slag pot off the ground and allow for air cooling. The pivotal mounting hooks and brackets are specialized attachment points (such as lifting lugs or trunnions) that allow the slag pot to be securely lifted and transported by a crane or lifting device, or that enable the slag pot to swing or rotate while remaining attached to the lifting mechanism. The merchandise covered by this investigation includes all aforementioned attachments of a fully assembled slag pot, regardless of whether shipped assembled or unassembled.

Slag pots are included within the scope whether finished or unfinished, whether imported individually or with other subject or non-subject merchandise, or whether assembled with attachments or unassembled. Finishing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, machining, and assembly of various parts.

The country of origin for slag pots whether fully assembled, unfinished or finished, is the country where the slag pot was cast or forged. Subject merchandise includes slag pots that have been further processed or further assembled in a third country. Further processing and further assembly include, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, painting, coating, priming, machining, and assembly of attachments.

Slag pots subject to the investigation are specified within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 7309.00.0090. The slag pot attachments covered by the scope of this investigation may enter under HTSUS subheadings 7316.00.0000, 7325.10.0080, 7325.99.1000, 7325.99.5000, and 7326.19.0080. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–164]

Certain Paper Plates From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that certain paper plates (paper plates) from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) during the period of investigation (POI) July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toni Page or Lingjun Wang, 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) 482–1398 or (202) 482–2316, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 5, 2024, Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination in the Federal Register* and invited interested parties to comment.¹ For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Determination*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.²

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 <http://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and

¹ See *Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures*, 89 FR 72367 (September 5, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), between November 12 and 24, 2024, Commerce conducted verification of the sales and factors of production information submitted by Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. (Fuzhou Hengli) and Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd (Jinhua).³ We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting records and original source documents provided by Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua.

Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by the parties in this investigation are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II.

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

In accordance with section 735(a)(3)(B) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.206(h), Commerce finds for the final determination that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of paper plates for the non-selected companies eligible for a separate rate⁴ and continues to find that critical circumstances exist with respect to the China-wide entity.⁵ We find for the final determination that critical circumstances exist with respect to

³ See Memoranda, “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd. (JPP) in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China (China),” dated December 16, 2024; and “Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. (Hengli) and its producer Guangdong Ecosource Environmental Technology Co., Ltd. (Ecosource),” dated December 17, 2024.

⁴ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at 5.

⁵ See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 72367.

Fuzhou Hengli and its unaffiliated producers, but that critical circumstances do not exist for Jinhua.⁶ For a full description of the methodology and the results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our review and analysis of the information received during verification and comments received from interested parties for this final determination, we made certain changes to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins for Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Use of Adverse Facts Available (AFA)

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*,⁷ Commerce continues to find, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, that the use of facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, is warranted in determining the dumping rate for the China-wide entity. In addition, for this final determination, we are also assigning a rate based on AFA to Fuzhou Hengli. We are assigning a rate of 515.40 percent, which is the highest calculated individual dumping margin of any respondent in the investigation, to the China-wide entity and Fuzhou Hengli.⁸

Separate Rates

No interested party commented on Commerce's preliminary separate rate

determinations⁹ and we have no basis to reconsider those determinations. Accordingly, we continue to find that Fuzhou Hengli, Jinhua, and certain non-individually examined companies that are listed in the rate table below, are eligible for a separate rate.

Combination Rates

Consistent with the *Preliminary Determination*, and Policy Bulletin 05.1,¹⁰ Commerce calculated combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

Producer	Exporter	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for subsidy offsets) (percent)
Guangdong Ecosource Environmental Technology Co., Ltd.	Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd	* 515.40	504.86
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd	* 515.40	504.86
Jinhua P&P Products Co., Ltd	Jinhua P&P Products Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Festa (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Festa (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Festa Limited	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Festa Limited	267.63	267.63
Jieyang Weikangda Paper Co., Ltd	Fujian Putian Zhonghao Trade Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Dongyang Founder Paper Product Co., Ltd	Fujian Putian Zhonghao Trade Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Fuzhou Nicrolandee Arts & Craft Co., Ltd	Fuzhou Nicrolandee Arts & Craft Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Zhejiang Lanwei Paper Products Co., Ltd	Hangzhou Enli Paper Products Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Landward Color Printing Co., Ltd	Landward Color Printing Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Feisuo Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Homelink Eco-Itech Co., Ltd	Ningbo Homelink Eco-Itech Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Hongtai Package New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Kosda New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Kosda New Material Technology Co., Ltd.	267.63	267.63
Ningbo Goldland Industry and Technology Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Qtop Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Zhejiang Lingrong Crafts Co., Ltd	Ningbo Qtop Import & Export Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Qingdao Robana Paper Product Co., Ltd	Qingdao Gold Top Trade Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Qingdao Wonderful Industry and Trade Co. Ltd	Qingdao Wonderful Industry and Trade Co. Ltd	267.63	267.63
Shandong Boao Package Co., Ltd	Shandong Boao Package Co., Ltd	267.63	267.63
Festa Party Products Mfy. (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd	Xanadu Industrial Limited	267.63	267.63
Top Printing Paper Products (Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.	Xanadu Industrial Limited	267.63	267.63
Hangzhou Enli Paper Products Co., Ltd	Yeko Trading Limited	267.63	267.63
China-Wide Entity	* 515.40	515.40

* Rate based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose the calculations performed in connection

with this final determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of

publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

⁶ See Issues and Decision Memorandum at 5.

⁷ See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 15–18.

⁸ *Id.* at 18.

⁹ *Id.* at 9–12.

¹⁰ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in

Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to start or continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I of this notice, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption as described below.

Section 733(e)(2) of the Act provides that, given an affirmative determination of critical circumstances, any suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the later of: (a) the date which is 90 days before the date on which the suspension of liquidation was first ordered; or (b) the date on which notice of initiation of the investigation was published. Commerce continues to find that critical circumstances exist for imports of subject merchandise produced or exported by the non-selected separate rate companies and the China-wide entity. In accordance with section 733(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the suspension of liquidation shall apply to unliquidated entries of shipments of subject merchandise from the non-selected separate rate companies and the China-wide entity that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after June 7, 2024, which is 90 days before the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*. Provisional measures were not imposed for Fuzhou Hengli following the preliminary determination because of Commerce's preliminary negative determination with respect to it. However, Commerce's final affirmative critical circumstances determination now applies to Fuzhou Hengli as a result of the final affirmative determination of critical circumstances with respect to it. Accordingly, pursuant to section 735(c)(4)(C) of the Act, Commerce will instruct CBP to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries from Fuzhou Hengli, which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after 90-days prior to the date of publication of this final determination in the **Federal Register**. For Jinhua, because Commerce has made a negative final determination with regard to critical circumstances, Commerce will instruct CBP to continue to suspend liquidation of all appropriate entries which were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 5, 2024, the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the *Preliminary Determination* and, in accordance with

section 735(c)(3) of the Act, Commerce will instruct CBP to terminate any retroactive suspension of liquidation required under section 733(e)(2) of the Act, and release any bond or other security, and refund any cash deposit required, under section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act, with respect to entries of the merchandise the liquidation of which was suspended retroactively under section 733(e)(2) of the Act before September 5, 2024.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), upon the publication of this notice, Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties for appropriate entries.

Commerce will instruct CBP to require the following cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties for all appropriate entries: (1) for the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the applicable cash deposit rate is listed in the table for that combination; (2) for all combinations of Chinese producers/exporters of the merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the cash deposit rate listed for the China-wide entity in the table above; and (3) for all third-country exporters of the merchandise under consideration that are not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Chinese producer/exporter combination or the China-wide entity that supplied that third-country exporter. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC)

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because the final determination in this investigation is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper plates no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded or canceled, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instructions by Commerce, antidumping

duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice 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). 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 terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

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

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IX. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 84–35A12]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review for Northwest Fruit Exporters (NFE), Application No. 84–35A12.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to NFE on January 8, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Reynolds, Acting Director, OTEA, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *etca@trade.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4011–21) (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing title III are found at 15 CFR part 325. OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

NFE amended its Certificate as follows:

1. Remove the following companies as Members of the Certificate:
 - a. Blue Star Growers, Inc., Cashmere, WA
 - b. Columbia Valley Fruit, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
 - c. Honey Bear Tree Fruit Co., LLC., Yakima, WA
 - d. Oneonta Trading Corp., Wenatchee, WA
 - e. Smith & Nelson, Inc., Tonasket, WA
2. Change the names of the following Members of the Certificate:
 - a. HoneyBear Growers, LLC (Brewster, WA) changes to Honeybear Growers, LLC (Brewster, WA)
3. Change the Export Product coverage of the following Members of the Certificate:
 - a. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC changes Export Product coverage from fresh apples and fresh pears to fresh apples (dropping fresh pears).
 - b. Piepel Premium Fruit Packing LLC changes Export Product coverage from fresh apples and fresh sweet cherries to fresh apples (dropping fresh sweet cherries).
 - c. Honeybear Growers, LLC changes Export Product coverage from fresh apples to fresh apples and fresh sweet cherries (adding fresh sweet cherries).

List of Members, as Amended

1. Allan Bros., Naches, WA
2. AltaFresh L.L.C. dba Chelan Fresh Marketing, Chelan, WA
3. Apple House Warehouse & Storage, Inc., Brewster, WA
4. Apple King, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
5. Auvil Fruit Co., Inc. dba Gee Whiz II, LLC, Orondo, WA
6. Baker Produce, Inc., Kennewick, WA
7. Blue Bird, Inc., Peshastin, WA
8. Borton & Sons, Inc., Yakima, WA
9. Brewster Heights Packing & Orchards, LP dba Gebbers Farms, Brewster, WA
10. Chelan Fruit, Chelan, WA
11. Chiawana, Inc. dba Columbia Reach Pack, Yakima, WA
12. Chuy's Cherries LLC, Mattawa, WA
13. CMI Orchards LLC, Wenatchee, WA
14. Columbia Fresh Packing LLC, Kennewick, WA
15. Congdon Packing Co. L.L.C., Yakima, WA
16. Cowiche Growers, Inc., Cowiche, WA
17. CPC International Apple Company, Tieton, WA
18. Crane Ranch, Brewster, WA
19. Custom Apple Packers, Inc., Quincy and Wenatchee, WA
20. Diamond Fruit Growers Inc., Odell, OR
21. Domex Superfresh Growers LLC, Yakima, WA

22. Douglas Fruit Company, Inc., Pasco, WA
23. Dovex Export Company, Wenatchee, WA
24. Duckwall Fruit, Odell, OR
25. E. Brown & Sons, Inc., Milton-Freewater, OR
26. E.W. Brandt & Sons, Inc., Parker, WA
27. Evans Fruit Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
28. FirstFruits Farms, LLC, Prescott, WA
29. G&G Orchards, Inc., Yakima, WA
30. Gilbert Orchards, Inc., Yakima, WA
31. Hansen Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
32. Henggeler Packing Co., Inc., Fruitland, ID
33. Honeybear Growers, LLC, Brewster, WA (for fresh apples and fresh sweet cherries)
34. Hood River Cherry Company, Hood River, OR
35. JackAss Mt. Ranch, Pasco, WA
36. Jenks Bros Cold Storage & Packing, Royal City, WA
37. Kershaw Fruit & Cold Storage, Co., Yakima, WA
38. L & M Companies, Union Gap, WA
39. Lateral Roots Farm, LLC, Wapato, WA
40. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC, Wapato, WA (for fresh apples only)
41. Manson Growers, Manson, WA
42. Matson Fruit Company, Selah, WA
43. McDougall & Sons, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
44. Monson Fruit Co., LLC, Selah, WA
45. Morgan's of Washington dba Double Diamond Fruit, Quincy, WA
46. New Columbia Fruit Packers, LLC, Wenatchee, WA
47. Northern Fruit Company, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
48. Olympic Fruit Co., Moxee, WA
49. Orchard View Farms, Inc., The Dalles, OR
50. Pacific Coast Cherry Packers, LLC, Yakima, WA
51. Piepel Premium Fruit Packing LLC, East Wenatchee, WA (for fresh apples only)
52. Pine Canyon Growers LLC, Orondo, WA
53. Polehn Farms, Inc., The Dalles, OR
54. Price Cold Storage & Packing Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
55. Quincy Fresh Fruit Co., Quincy, WA
56. Rainier Fruit Company, Selah, WA
57. River Valley Fruit, LLC., Grandview, WA
58. Roche Fruit, LLC, Yakima, WA
59. Sage Fruit Company, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
60. Stemilt Growers, LLC, Wenatchee, WA
61. Symms Fruit Ranch, Inc., Caldwell, ID
62. The Dalles Fruit Company, LLC, Dallesport, WA

63. Underwood Fruit & Warehouse Co., Bingen, WA
 64. Valicoff Fruit Company, Inc., Wapato, WA
 65. Washington Cherry Growers, Peshastin, WA
 66. Washington Fruit & Produce Co., Yakima, WA
 67. Western Sweet Cherry Group, LLC, Yakima, WA
 68. Whitby Farms, Inc. dba: Farm Boy Fruit Snacks LLC, Mesa, WA
 69. WP Packing LLC, Wapato, WA
 70. Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Yakima, WA
 71. Zirkle Fruit Company, Selah, WA
- The effective date of the amended certificate is August 19, 2024, the date on which NFE's application to amend was deemed submitted.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Amanda Reynolds,

Acting Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–533–883, A–549–837, A–588–878, C–533–884, C–570–081]

Glycine From India, the People's Republic of China, Japan, and Thailand: Continuation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on glycine from India, Japan, and Thailand and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on glycine from India and the People's Republic of China (China), would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD and CVD orders.

DATES: Applicable November 29, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Smith, AD/CVD Operations, Office VIII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 21, 2019, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD and CVD orders on glycine from India, China, and Japan and subsequently published the AD order on glycine from Thailand on October 18, 2019.¹ On May 1, 2024, the ITC instituted,² and Commerce initiated,³ the first sunset review of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its reviews, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping, and countervailable subsidies, and therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping and subsidy rates likely to prevail should the *Orders* be revoked.⁴

On November 29, 2024, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁵

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these *Orders* is glycine at any purity level or grade. This includes glycine of all purity levels, which covers all forms of crude or technical glycine including, but not limited to, sodium glycinate, glycine slurry and any other forms of amino acetic acid or glycine. Subject merchandise also includes glycine and precursors of dried crystalline glycine that are processed in a third country, including, but not limited to, refining or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of these *Orders* if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-

¹ See *Glycine from India and Japan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Duty Determination and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 84 FR 29170 (June 21, 2019); see also *Glycine from Thailand: Antidumping Duty Order*, 84 FR 55912 (October 18, 2019); see also *Glycine from India and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Orders*, 84 FR 29173 (June 21, 2019) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Glycine from China, India, Japan, and Thailand: Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 89 FR 35237 (May 1, 2024).

³ See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 89 FR 35073 (May 1, 2024).

⁴ See *Glycine from India, Japan, and Thailand: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 89 FR 74206 (September 12, 2024), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM) and *Glycine from India and the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Countervailing Duty Orders*, 89 FR 74898 (September 13, 2024), and accompanying IDM.

⁵ See *Glycine from China, India, Japan, and Thailand*, 89 FR 94761 (November 29, 2024) (ITC *Final Determination*).

scope glycine or precursors of dried crystalline glycine. Glycine has the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number of 56–40–6.

Glycine and glycine slurry are classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2922.49.43.00. Sodium glycinate is classified in the HTSUS under 2922.49.80.00. While the HTSUS subheadings and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these *Orders* is dispositive.

Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Orders* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, countervailable subsidies, and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Orders*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Orders* is November 29, 2024.⁶ Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year reviews of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to fifth anniversary of the date of the effective date of this continuation.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. 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 terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

These five-year (sunset) reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and this notice is published in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

⁶ See ITC Final Determination.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–601]

Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Notice of Amended Final Results; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the **Federal Register** the amended final results of the 2018–2019 administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on tapered roller bearings and parts from the People's Republic of China (China). This notice incorrectly stated that for the non-selected companies that do not have a superseding cash deposit rate, Commerce will issue revised cash deposit instructions through U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Xiao, AD/CVD Operations, Office II, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–2273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 31, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results and amended final results of the 2018–2019 administrative review of the AD order on tapered roller bearings and parts from China.¹ This notice incorrectly stated that “{w}ith respect to all the non-selected companies that do not have a superseding cash deposit rate revised cash deposit instructions will be issued

¹ See *Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with the Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Notice of Amended Final Results*, 89 FR 107106 (December 31, 2024).

by Commerce to CBP.” We provide the correction below.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of December 31, 2024, in FR Doc 2024–31412, at 89 FR 107107, in the first and second columns, correct the text in the section entitled, “Cash Deposit Requirements” by replacing the last sentence in the section with the following sentence: “Because the non-selected companies have also received a superseding cash deposit rate in a subsequent administrative review, we will not issue revised cash deposit instructions to CBP. This notice will not affect the current cash deposit rate with respect to these companies.”

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 516A(e) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–196]

Slag Pots From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

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

DATES: Applicable January 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Kearney, Office VI, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0167.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On December 31, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) received an antidumping duty (AD) petition concerning imports of slag pots from the People's Republic of China (China) filed in proper form on behalf of WHEMCO-Steel Casting, Inc. (the petitioner), a U.S. producer of slag pots.¹ The AD Petition was

¹ See Petitioner's Letter, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties,” dated December 31, 2024 (Petition).

accompanied by a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of slag pots from China.²

On January 7 and 14, 2025, Commerce requested supplemental information pertaining to certain aspects of the Petition in supplemental questionnaires.³ On January 13 and 16, 2025, the petitioner filed timely responses to these requests for additional information.⁴

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that imports of slag pots from China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that imports of such products are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the slag pots industry in the United States. Consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the Petition was accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

Commerce finds that the petitioner filed the Petition on behalf of the domestic industry, because the petitioner is an interested party, as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. Commerce also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support for the initiation of the requested LTFV investigation.⁵

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on December 31, 2024, and because China is a non-market economy (NME) country, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1), the period of investigation (POI) for the LTFV investigation is April 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are slag pots from China. For a full description of the scope of this

investigation, see the appendix to this notice.

Comments on the Scope of the Investigation

On January 7 and 14, 2025, Commerce requested information and clarification from the petitioner regarding the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petition is an accurate reflection of the products for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.⁶ On January 13 and 16, 2025, the petitioner provided clarifications and revised the scope.⁷ The description of merchandise covered by this investigation, as described in the appendix to this notice, reflects these clarifications.

As discussed in the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁸ Commerce will consider all scope comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination. If scope comments include factual information,⁹ all such factual information should be limited to public information. To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, Commerce requests that scope comments be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on February 10, 2025, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, and should also be limited to public information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 20, 2025, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comment deadline.

Commerce requests that any factual information that parties consider relevant to the scope of this investigation be submitted during that period. However, if a party subsequently finds that additional factual information pertaining to the scope of the investigation may be relevant, the party must contact Commerce and request permission to submit the additional information. All scope comments must be filed simultaneously on the records of the concurrent LTFV and CVD investigations.

⁶ See General Issues Questionnaire; see also January 14, 2025, Memorandum.

⁷ See First General Issues Supplement at 1–3 and Exhibit I–SUPP–2; see also Second General Issues Supplement at 1 and Exhibit I–2Supp–1.

⁸ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*); see also 19 CFR 351.312.

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining “factual information”).

Filing Requirements

All submissions to Commerce must be filed electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS), unless an exception applies.¹⁰ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety by the time and date it is due.

Comments on Product Characteristics

Commerce is providing interested parties an opportunity to comment on the appropriate physical characteristics of slag pots to be reported in response to Commerce's AD questionnaires. This information will be used to identify the key physical characteristics of the subject merchandise in order to report the relevant factors of production (FOP) accurately, as well as to develop appropriate product comparison criteria.

Interested parties may provide any information or comments that they feel are relevant to the development of an accurate list of physical characteristics. In order to consider the suggestions of interested parties in developing and issuing the AD questionnaires, all product characteristics comments must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 10, 2025, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 20, 2025, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comment deadline. All comments and submissions to Commerce must be filed electronically using ACCESS, as explained above, on the record of the LTFV investigation.

Determination of Industry Support for the Petition

Section 732(b)(1) of the Act requires that a petition be filed on behalf of the domestic industry. Section 732(c)(4)(A) of the Act provides that a petition meets this requirement if the domestic producers or workers who support the petition account for: (i) at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product; and (ii) more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing

¹⁰ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011); see also *Enforcement and Compliance: Change of Electronic Filing System Name*, 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014) for details of Commerce's electronic filing requirements, effective August 5, 2011. Information on using ACCESS can be found at <https://access.trade.gov/help.aspx> and a handbook can be found at https://access.trade.gov/help/Handbook_on_Electronic_Filing_Procedures.pdf.

² *Id.*

³ See Commerce's Letters, “Supplemental Questions,” dated January 7, 2025 (General Issues Questionnaire); and “Supplemental Questions,” dated January 7, 2025; see also Memorandum, “Phone Call with Counsel to the Petitioner,” dated January 14, 2025 (January 14, 2025, Memorandum).

⁴ See Petitioner's Letters, “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Antidumping Volume I of the Petitions,” dated January 13, 2025 (First General Issues Supplement); “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Antidumping Volume II of the Petitions,” dated January 13, 2025; “Response to Second Supplemental Questions Regarding Volume I of Petitions,” dated January 16, 2025 (Second General Issues Supplement); and “Response to Supplemental Questions Regarding Volume II of the Antidumping Petition,” dated January 16, 2025.

⁵ See section on “Determination of Industry Support for the Petition,” *infra*.

support for, or opposition to, the petition. Moreover, section 732(c)(4)(D) of the Act provides that, if the petition does not establish support of domestic producers or workers accounting for more than 50 percent of the total production of the domestic like product, Commerce shall: (i) poll the industry or rely on other information in order to determine if there is support for the petition, as required by subparagraph (A); or (ii) determine industry support using a statistically valid sampling method to poll the “industry.”

Section 771(4)(A) of the Act defines the “industry” as the producers as a whole of a domestic like product. Thus, to determine whether a petition has the requisite industry support, the statute directs Commerce to look to producers and workers who produce the domestic like product. The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), which is responsible for determining whether “the domestic industry” has been injured, must also determine what constitutes a domestic like product in order to define the industry. While both Commerce and the ITC apply the same statutory definition regarding the domestic like product,¹¹ they do so for different purposes and pursuant to a separate and distinct authority. In addition, Commerce’s determination is subject to limitations of time and information. Although this may result in different definitions of the like product, such differences do not render the decision of either agency contrary to law.¹²

Section 771(10) of the Act defines the domestic like product as “a product which is like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the article subject to an investigation under this title.” Thus, the reference point from which the domestic like product analysis begins is “the article subject to an investigation” (*i.e.*, the class or kind of merchandise to be investigated, which normally will be the scope as defined in the petition).

With regard to the domestic like product, the petitioner does not offer a definition of the domestic like product distinct from the scope of the investigation.¹³ Based on our analysis of

the information submitted on the record, we have determined that slag pots, as defined in the scope, constitute a single domestic like product, and we have analyzed industry support in terms of that domestic like product.¹⁴

In determining whether the petitioner has standing under section 732(c)(4)(A) of the Act, we considered the industry support data contained in the Petition with reference to the domestic like product as defined in the “Scope of the Investigation,” in the appendix to this notice. To establish industry support, the petitioner provided its own production of the domestic like product in 2023 and compared this to the estimated total production of the domestic like product in 2023 by the U.S. slag pots industry.¹⁵ We relied on data provided by the petitioner for purposes of measuring industry support.¹⁶

Our review of the data provided in the Petition, the First General Issues Supplement, the Second General Issues Supplement, and other information readily available to Commerce indicates that the petitioner has established industry support for the Petition.¹⁷ First, the Petition established support from domestic producers (or workers) accounting for more than 50 percent of the total production of the domestic like product and, as such, Commerce is not required to take further action in order to evaluate industry support (*e.g.*, polling).¹⁸ Second, the domestic producers (or workers) have met the statutory criteria for industry support under section 732(c)(4)(A)(i) of the Act because the domestic producers (or workers) who support the Petition account for at least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product.¹⁹ Finally, the domestic producers (or workers) have met the statutory criteria for industry support under section 732(c)(4)(A)(ii) of the Act because the domestic producers (or workers) who support the Petition account for more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to,

the Petition.²⁰ Accordingly, Commerce determines that the Petition was filed on behalf of the domestic industry within the meaning of section 732(b)(1) of the Act.²¹

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petitioner alleges that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of the imports of the subject merchandise sold at LTFV. In addition, the petitioner alleges that subject imports from China exceed the negligibility threshold provided for under section 771(24)(A) of the Act.²²

The petitioner contends that the industry’s injured condition is illustrated by the significant volume and market share of subject imports; underselling and price suppression; lost sales and revenues; and declines in the domestic industry’s net sales quantities, employment variables, and financial performance.²³ We assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury, threat of material injury, causation, cumulation, as well as negligibility, and we have determined that these allegations are properly supported by adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation.²⁴

Allegations of Sales at LTFV

The following is a description of the allegations of sales at LTFV upon which Commerce based its decision to initiate a LTFV investigation of imports of slag pots from China. The sources of data for the deductions and adjustments relating to U.S. price and normal value (NV) are discussed in greater detail in the China AD Initiation Checklist.

U.S. Price

The petitioner based export price (EP) on a transaction-specific average unit value (AUV) (*i.e.*, month- and port-specific AUV) derived from official import statistics for imports of slag pots from China during the period of investigation and tied to ship manifest data.²⁵ The petitioner conservatively did not make any adjustments to U.S.

¹¹ See section 771(10) of the Act.

¹² See *USEC, Inc. v. United States*, 132 F. Supp. 2d 1, 8 (CIT 2001) (citing *Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd. v. United States*, 688 F. Supp. 639, 644 (CIT 1988), *aff’d Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd. v. United States*, 865 F.2d 240 (Fed. Cir. 1989)).

¹³ For a discussion of the domestic like product analysis as applied to this case and information regarding industry support, see Checklist, “Antidumping Duty Investigation Initiation Checklist: Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (China AD Initiation

Checklist), at Attachment II, Analysis of Industry Support for the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Covering Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China (Attachment II). This checklist is on file electronically via ACCESS.

¹⁴ See Attachment II of the China AD Initiation Checklist.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ For further discussion, see Attachment II of the China AD Initiation Checklist.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*; see also section 732(c)(4)(D) of the Act.

¹⁹ See Attachment II of the China AD Initiation Checklist.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*

²² For further information regarding negligibility and the injury allegation, see China AD Initiation Checklist at Attachment III, Analysis of Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation for the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petitions Covering Slag Pots from the People’s Republic of China (Attachment III).

²³ See Attachment III of the China AD Initiation Checklist.

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ See China AD Initiation Checklist.

price to calculate a net ex-factory U.S. price.²⁶

Normal Value

Commerce considers China to be an NME country.²⁷ In accordance with section 771(18)(C)(i) of the Act, any determination that a foreign country is an NME country shall remain in effect until revoked by Commerce. Therefore, we continue to treat China as an NME country for purposes of the initiation of this LTFV investigation. Accordingly, we base NV on FOPs valued in a surrogate market economy country in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act.

The petitioner claims that Malaysia is an appropriate surrogate country for China because it is a market economy that is at a level of economic development comparable to that of China and is a significant producer of comparable merchandise.²⁸ The petitioner provided publicly available information from Malaysia to value all FOPs except labor.²⁹ Consistent with Commerce's recent practice in cases involving Malaysia as a surrogate country,³⁰ to value labor, the petitioner provided data from another surrogate country, Mexico. Based on the information provided by the petitioner, we believe it is appropriate to use Malaysia as a surrogate country for China to value all FOPs except labor and Mexico to value labor for initiation purposes.

Interested parties will have the opportunity to submit comments regarding surrogate country selection and, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.301(c)(3)(i), will be provided an opportunity to submit publicly available information to value FOPs within 30

days before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination.

Factors of Production

Because information regarding the volume of inputs consumed by Chinese producers/exporters was not reasonably available, the petitioner used its own production experience and product-specific consumption rates as a surrogate to value Chinese manufacturers' FOPs.³¹ Additionally, the petitioner calculated factory overhead, selling, general, and administrative expenses, and profit based on the experience of a Malaysian producer of comparable merchandise.³²

Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by the petitioner, there is reason to believe that imports of slag pots from China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV. Based on comparisons of EP to NV in accordance with sections 772 and 773 of the Act, the estimated dumping margin for slag pots from China covered by this initiation is 294.43 percent.³³

Initiation of LTFV Investigation

Based upon the examination of the Petition and supplemental responses, we find that they meet the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating a LTFV investigation to determine whether imports of slag pots are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV. In accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1), unless postponed, we will make our preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Respondent Selection

In the Petition, the petitioner identified 11 companies in China as producers and/or exporters of slag pots.³⁴ Our standard practice for respondent selection in AD investigations involving NME countries is to select respondents based on quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaires in cases where Commerce has determined that the number of companies is large, and it cannot individually examine each company based upon its resources. Therefore, considering the number of producers and/or exporters identified in the Petition, Commerce will solicit Q&V information that can serve as a basis for selecting exporters for individual

examination in the event that Commerce determines that the number is large and decides to limit the number of respondents individually examined pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Because there are 11 Chinese producers and/or exporters identified in the Petition, Commerce has determined that it will issue Q&V questionnaires to each potential respondent for which there is complete address information on the record.

Commerce will post the Q&V questionnaires along with filing instructions on Commerce's website at <https://www.trade.gov/ec-adcvd-case-announcements>. Producers/exporters of slag pots from China that do not receive Q&V questionnaires may still submit a response to the Q&V questionnaire and can obtain a copy of the Q&V questionnaire from Commerce's website. Responses to the Q&V questionnaire must be submitted by the relevant Chinese producers/exporters no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on February 4, 2025, which is two weeks from the signature date of this notice. All Q&V questionnaire responses must be filed electronically via ACCESS. An electronically filed document must be received successfully, in its entirety, by ACCESS no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on the deadline noted above.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order (APO) in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(b). As stated above, instructions for filing such applications may be found on Commerce's website at <https://www.trade.gov/administrative-protective-orders>.

Separate Rates

In order to obtain separate rate status in an NME investigation, exporters and producers must submit a separate rate application. The specific requirements for submitting a separate rate application in an NME investigation are outlined in detail in the application itself, which is available on Commerce's website at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/nme/nme-sep-rate.html>. Note that Commerce recently promulgated new regulations pertaining to separate rates, including the separate rate application deadline and eligibility for separate rate status, in 19 CFR 351.108.³⁵ Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.108(d)(1), the separate rate application will be due 21 days after

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ See, e.g., *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 88 FR 15372 (March 13, 2023), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 5, unchanged in *Certain Freight Rail Couplers and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances*, 88 FR 34485 (May 30, 2023).

²⁸ See China AD Initiation Checklist.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ See, e.g., *Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2021–2022*, 88 FR 85242 (December 7, 2023), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum (IDM) at Comment 2; and *Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 88 FR 15671 (March 14, 2023), and accompanying IDM at Comment 2.

³¹ See China AD Initiation Checklist.

³² *Id.*

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ See Petition at Volume I (pages and Exhibit I–4); see also First General Issues Supplement at 1.

³⁵ See *Regulations Enhancing the Administration of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Trade Remedy Laws*, 89 FR 101694, 101759–60 (December 16, 2024).

publication of this initiation notice.³⁶ Exporters and producers must file a timely separate rate application if they want to be considered for individual examination. In addition, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.108(e), exporters and producers who submit a separate rate application and have been selected as mandatory respondents will be eligible for consideration for separate rate status only if they fully respond to all parts of Commerce's AD questionnaire and participate in the LTFV proceeding as mandatory respondents.³⁷ Commerce requires that companies from China submit a response both to the Q&V questionnaire and to the separate rate application by the respective deadlines to receive consideration for separate rate status. Companies not filing a timely Q&V questionnaire response will not receive separate rate consideration.

Use of Combination Rates

Commerce will calculate combination rates for certain respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in an NME investigation. The Separate Rates and Combination Rates Bulletin states:

{w}hile continuing the practice of assigning separate rates only to exporters, all separate rates that {Commerce} will now assign in its NME investigation will be specific to those producers that supplied the exporter during the period of investigation. Note, however, that one rate is calculated for the exporter and all of the producers which supplied subject merchandise to it during the period of investigation. This practice applies both to mandatory respondents receiving an individually calculated separate rate as well as the pool of non-investigated firms receiving the {weighted average} of the individually calculated rates. This practice is referred to as the application of "combination rates" because such rates apply to specific combinations of exporters and one or more producers. The cash-deposit rate assigned to an exporter will apply only to merchandise both exported by the firm in question *and* produced by a firm that supplied the exporter during the period of investigation.³⁸

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.202(f), copies of the public version of the Petition have been provided to the Government of China via ACCESS. To the extent practicable, we will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the Petition to each exporter

named in the Petition, as provided under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

ITC Notification

Commerce will notify the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will preliminarily determine, within 45 days after the date on which the Petition was filed, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of slag pots from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, a U.S. industry.³⁹ A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated.⁴⁰ Otherwise, this LTFV investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

Submission of Factual Information

Factual information is defined in 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) as: (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). Section 351.301(b) of Commerce's regulations requires any party, when submitting factual information, to specify under which subsection of 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) the information is being submitted⁴¹ 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.⁴² Time limits for the submission of factual information are addressed in 19 CFR 351.301, which provides specific time limits based on the type of factual information being submitted. Interested parties should review the regulations prior to submitting factual information in this investigation.

Extensions of Time Limits

Parties may request an extension of time limits before the expiration of a time limit established under 19 CFR 351.301, or as otherwise specified by Commerce. In general, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after the expiration of the time

limit established under 19 CFR 351.301, or as otherwise specified by Commerce.⁴³ For submissions that are due from multiple parties simultaneously, an extension request will be considered untimely if it is filed after 10:00 a.m. ET on the due date. 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, we will inform parties in a letter or memorandum of the deadline (including a specified time) by which extension requests must be filed to be considered timely. An extension request must be made in a separate, standalone submission; under limited circumstances we will grant untimely filed requests for the extension of time limits, where we determine, based on 19 CFR 351.302, that extraordinary circumstances exist. Parties should review Commerce's regulations concerning the extension of time limits and the *Time Limits Final Rule* prior to submitting factual information in this investigation.⁴⁴

Certification Requirements

Any party submitting factual information in an AD or CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information.⁴⁵ Parties must use the certification formats provided in 19 CFR 351.303(g).⁴⁶ Commerce intends to reject factual submissions if the submitting party does not comply with the applicable certification requirements.

Notification to Interested Parties

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Parties wishing to participate in this investigation should ensure that they meet the requirements of 19 CFR 351.103(d) (e.g., by filing the required letter of appearance). Note that Commerce has amended certain of its

⁴³ See 19 CFR 351.301; see also *Extension of Time Limits; Final Rule*, 78 FR 57790 (September 20, 2013) (*Time Limits Final Rule*), available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/html/2013-22853.htm>.

⁴⁴ See 19 CFR 351.302; see also, e.g., *Time Limits Final Rule*.

⁴⁵ See section 782(b) of the Act.

⁴⁶ See *Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 42678 (July 17, 2013) (*Final Rule*). Additional information regarding the *Final Rule* is available at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/filing/index.html>.

³⁶ See 19 CFR 351.108(d)(1).

³⁷ See 19 CFR 351.108(e).

³⁸ See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigation Involving NME Countries," (April 5, 2005), at 6 (emphasis added), available on Commerce's website at <https://access.trade.gov/Resources/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

³⁹ See section 733(a) of the Act.

⁴⁰ *Id.*

⁴¹ See 19 CFR 351.301(b).

⁴² See 19 CFR 351.301(b)(2).

requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).⁴⁷

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 732(c)(2) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.203(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by the investigation is slag pots with a nominal capacity of 65 cubic feet to 1200 cubic feet regardless of shape, form, or finish.

Slag pots are load bearing devices typically formed as a curved shell or bowl-shaped container. Slag pots are metallurgical goods typically produced either using a casting process or a fabrication process (e.g., welding) and may include a ceramic refractory coating, heat treatment or various finishes in order to handle high temperature slag. Slag pots may contain integral features or attachments including (1) legs (or a stand) and (2) pivotal mounting hooks or brackets. Legs (or a stand) are a fixed or detachable support structure which allows the slag pot to be securely positioned upright on a surface when not being lifted or transported and may also keep the slag pot off the ground and allow for air cooling. The pivotal mounting hooks and brackets are specialized attachment points (such as lifting lugs or trunnions) that allow the slag pot to be securely lifted and transported by a crane or lifting device, or that enable the slag pot to swing or rotate while remaining attached to the lifting mechanism. The merchandise covered by this investigation includes all aforementioned attachments of a fully assembled slag pot, regardless of whether shipped assembled or unassembled.

Slag pots are included within the scope whether finished or unfinished, whether imported individually or with other subject or non-subject merchandise, or whether assembled with attachments or unassembled. Finishing includes, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, machining, and assembly of various parts.

The country of origin for slag pots whether fully assembled, unfinished or finished, is the country where the slag pot was cast or forged. Subject merchandise includes slag pots that have been further processed or further assembled in a third country. Further processing and further assembly include, but is not limited to, arc washing, welding, grinding, shot blasting, heat treatment, painting, coating, priming, machining, and assembly of attachments.

Slag pots subject to the investigation are specified within the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheading 7309.00.0090. The slag pot attachments covered by the scope of this

investigation may enter under HTSUS subheadings 7316.00.0000, 7325.10.0080, 7325.99.1000, 7325.99.5000, and 7326.19.0080. The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–165]

Certain Paper Plates From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain paper plates (paper plates) from the People's Republic of China (China). The period of investigation is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DATES: Applicable January 28, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sun Cho, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6458.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 2024, Commerce published its *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register** and invited interested parties to comment.¹ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.² The deadline for the final determination is now January 21, 2025.

A summary of the events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision

Memorandum.³ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is made available to the public 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 Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are paper plates from China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

We received no comments from interested parties on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, we made no changes to the scope of the investigation.

Analysis of Subsidy Programs and Comments Received

The subsidy programs under investigation, and the issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs that were submitted by parties in this investigation, are discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. For a list of the issues raised by interested parties and addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, see Appendix II.

Methodology

Commerce conducted this investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found to be countervailable, Commerce determines that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a financial contribution by an “authority” that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a full description of the methodology underlying our final determination, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

In making this final determination, Commerce relied, in part, on facts otherwise available, including with an

¹ See *Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination*, 89 FR 54432 (July 1, 2024) (*Preliminary Determination*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

² See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated July 22, 2024.

³ See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Affirmative Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁴ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; see also section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁴⁷ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

adverse inference (AFA), pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. For a full discussion of our application of AFA, see the *Preliminary Determination*,⁵ and the Issues and Decision Memorandum section entitled “Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Application of Adverse Inferences.”

Verification

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, in August and September 2024, we conducted verification of information submitted by Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. (Fuzhou Hengli) and Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd. (Jinhua P&P) for use in our final determination. We used standard verification procedures, including an examination of relevant accounting records, and original source documents provided by Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua P&P.⁶

Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part

Commerce preliminarily determined, in accordance with sections 703(e)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.206, that critical circumstances existed with respect to imports of subject merchandise for Fuzhou Hengli, the “all-other” producers and/or exporters, and four companies who did not respond to our quantity and value questionnaire (hereinafter referred to as the “non-responsive companies”),⁷ and did not exist for Jinhua P&P.⁸ For this final determination, in accordance with section 705(a)(2) of the Act, Commerce continues to find that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise for Fuzhou Hengli, all-other producers and/or exporters, and the non-responsive companies, and do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise for Jinhua P&P. For a full description of the methodology and results of our critical circumstances analysis, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of the comments received from interested parties and our verification findings, we

made certain changes to the subsidy rate calculations for Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua P&P. For a discussion of these changes, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Pursuant to section 705(c)(5)(A)(i) of the Act, Commerce will determine an all-others rate equal to the weighted-average countervailable subsidy rates established for exporters and/or producers individually examined, excluding any rates that are zero, *de minimis*, or rates based entirely under section 776 of the Act. In this investigation, Commerce calculated total net subsidy rates for Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua P&P that are not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on the facts otherwise available. Because Commerce calculated individual estimated countervailable subsidy rates for Fuzhou Hengli and Jinhua P&P that are not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on the facts otherwise available, we have calculated the all-others rate using a weighted-average of the individual estimated subsidy rates calculated for the examined respondents using each company’s publicly-ranged sales values.

Final Determination

Commerce determines that the following estimated countervailable subsidy rates exist:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd	11.38
Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd	4.47
Ningbo Artcool Co., Ltd	* 295.08
Ningbo Fenghua Yongfa Printing Stationery Co., Ltd	* 295.08
Zhejiang Kingsun Eco-Pack Co., Ltd	* 295.08
Zhejiang Lingrong Crafts Co., Ltd	* 295.08
All Others	10.61

* Rate based on AFA.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed in connection with this final determination within five days of its public announcement, or if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Suspension of Liquidation

As a result of our *Preliminary Determination* and pursuant to sections 703(d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) of the Act, we instructed U.S. Customs and Border

Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from China that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after July 1, 2024, the date of publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**.⁹ Because we preliminarily determined that critical circumstances existed with respect to Fuzhou Hengli, the non-responsive companies, and companies covered by the all-others rate, we instructed CBP to suspend such entries on or after April 2, 2024, which is 90 days prior to the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we instructed CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 29, 2024, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise that were subject to suspension of liquidation between April 2, 2024, and October 28, 2024.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a countervailing duty order, reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act, and require a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties for entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all estimated duties deposited or securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our final affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of paper plates from China. Because the final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 705(b) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper plates from China no later than 45 days after our final determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and nonproprietary information related to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will

⁹ See *Preliminary Determination*, 89 FR at 54433.

⁵ See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 8–32.

⁶ See Memoranda, “Verification of Fuzhou Hengli Paper Co., Ltd. Questionnaire Responses,” dated October 9, 2024; “Verification of Jinhua P&P Product Co., Ltd. Questionnaire Responses,” dated October 9, 2024; and “Export Buyer’s Credit Program Questionnaire Response Verification (Customer A),” dated October 9, 2024.

⁷ These companies are: (1) Ningbo Artcool Co., Ltd.; (2) Ningbo Fenghua Yongfa Printing Stationery Co., Ltd.; (3) Zhejiang Kingsun Eco-Pack Co., Ltd.; and (4) Zhejiang Lingrong Crafts Co., Ltd.

⁸ See *Preliminary Determination* PDM at 7.

not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue a CVD order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Order

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to 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/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

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of

any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

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

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 - Comment 2: Countervailability of the Enterprise Income Tax (EIT) Law Research and Development (R&D) Program
 - Comment 3: Countervailability of the Provision of Electricity for Less Than Adequate Remuneration (LTAR)
 - Comment 4: Appropriate Electricity Benchmark
 - Comment 5: Appropriate Denominator for Other Subsidy Programs
 - Comment 6: Countervailability of Other Subsidies
 - Comment 7: Whether Commerce Should Modify its Adverse Facts Available (AFA) Rate Selection Methodology
 - Comment 8: Whether Commerce Should Apply AFA Regarding the Export Buyer's Credits Program (EBCP)
 - Comment 9: Whether To Apply AFA to the Provision of Land-Use Rights for LTAR
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request 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. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2024 during a 60-day comment

period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

Title: National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System.

OMB Control Number 0693–0003.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular, extension of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 630.

Average Hours per Response: 3 hours.

Burden Hours: 1,890.

Needs and Uses: This information is collected from all testing and calibration laboratories that apply for National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accreditation. It is used by NVLAP to assess laboratory conformance with applicable criteria as defined in 15 CFR part 285, Section 285.14. The information provides a service to customers in business and industry, including regulatory agencies and purchasing authorities that are seeking competent laboratories to perform testing and calibration services. An accredited laboratory's contact information and scope of accreditation are provided on NVLAP's website (<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State or local government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0003.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Participant Letter(s) of Interest (LoI)

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request 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. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

Title: National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Participant Letter(s) of Interest (LoI).

OMB Control Number: 0693–0075.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular, extension of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Average Hours per Response: 2 hours per response.

Burden Hours: 240 Hours.

Needs and Uses: New collaborative projects to address specific cybersecurity challenges. Technology providers having an interest in participating in an announced project are invited to submit Letters of Interest (LoI) in participation. NIST provides a LoI template to technology providers that express a desire to participate in a project.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Frequency: Once per announcement.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0075.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Analysis of Exoskeleton-Use for Enhancing Human Performance Data Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request 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. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

Title: Analysis of Exoskeleton-Use for Enhancing Human Performance Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0693–0083.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular, extension of current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 240.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 40 hours.

Needs and Uses: NIST's Engineering Laboratory is developing methods to evaluate performance of exoskeletons in two key areas (1) The fit and motion of the exoskeleton device with respect to

the users' body and (2) The impact that using an exoskeleton has on the performance of users executing tasks that are representative of activities in industrial settings. The results of these experiments will inform future test method development at NIST, other organizations, and under the purview of the new American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Committee F48 on Exoskeletons and Exosuits.

Affected Public: Households and individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0083.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE630]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, February 11 through Wednesday, February 12, 2025. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This will be a fully virtual meeting. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of

the public will participate via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/february-2025>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255. The Council's website, www.mafmc.org, also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order, (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Executive Committee—Closed Session

Review Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) membership applications.

Spiny Dogfish Accountability Measures Framework

Introduction to the purpose of this framework and review the range of alternatives that may be considered.

Recreational Sector Separation and Data Collection Amendment: Recreational for-Hire Control Dates

Consider requesting that NOAA Fisheries publish control dates for recreational for-hire permits for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish.

Legal Review, Financial Disclosure, and Recusal Training—John Almeida, NOAA Fisheries General Counsel

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Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Survey Update—Dr. Kathryn Ford, NEFSC

Updates on the NOAA Ship Henry B. Bigelow Bottom Trawl Operations and Contingency Plans.

Recent developments related to the Industry-Based Survey Pilot Project.

Fishing Gear Effects on Marine Habitats: A National Database Presentation—Dr. David Stevenson and Tori Kentner

Overview of Council project to develop searchable collection of literature on impacts of fishing gear on the marine fish habitats throughout the United States and U.S. Territories.

Locking Away Carbon on the Northeast Shelf and Slope (LOC–NESS)—Dr. Adam Subhas, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Presentation on the LOC–NESS project focused on marine Carbon Dioxide Removal (mCDR).

Standardized Bycatch Reduction Methodology (SBRM) 3-Year Review

Council staff will summarize the required 3-year review (covers SBRM performance from July 2019 through June 2022).

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Business Session

Committee Reports—SSC, NTAP; Executive Director's Report—Review and appoint SSC membership; Organization Reports; Liaison Reports.

Other Business and General Public Comment

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

National Wetland Plant List

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) provides plant species

indicator status ratings, which are used in determining whether the hydrophytic vegetation factor is met when conducting wetland delineations under the Clean Water Act and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and wetland determinations under the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act. Other applications of the NWPL include wetland restoration, establishment, and enhancement projects. To update the NWPL, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is announcing the availability of the draft changes to the 2024 NWPL to solicit public comments. The public will now have the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to wetland indicator status ratings for ten plant species over five different regions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314–1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brianne McGuffie, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, Washington, DC 20314–1000, by phone at 202–761–4750 or by email at brianne.e.mcguffie@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) administers the NWPL for the United States (U.S.) and its territories. Responsibility for the NWPL was transferred to USACE from the FWS in 2006. The NWPL has undergone several revisions since its inception in 1988. Additions or deletions to the NWPL represent new records, range extensions,

nomenclatural and taxonomic changes, and newly proposed species. The latest review process began in 2024 and included review by Regional Panels (RPs) and the National Panel (NP).

Wetland Indicator Status Ratings

On the NWPL, there are five categories of wetland indicator status ratings used to indicate a plant’s likelihood for occurrence in wetlands versus non-wetlands: Obligate Wetland (OBL), Facultative Wetland (FACW), Facultative (FAC), Facultative Upland (FACU), and Upland (UPL). These rating categories are defined by the NP as follows: OBL—almost always occur in wetlands; FACW—usually occur in wetlands but may occur in non-wetlands; FAC—occur in wetlands and non-wetlands; FACU—usually occur in non-wetlands but may occur in wetlands; UPL—almost always occur in non-wetlands. These category definitions are qualitative descriptions that better reflect the qualitative supporting information, rather than numeric frequency ranges. The percentage frequency categories used in the older definitions are only used for testing problematic or contested species being recommended for indicator status changes. All other previously utilized indicator designations are no longer used on the NWPL. More information on the specifics of how to use these ratings is available on the NWPL website at <https://wetland-plants.sec.usace.army.mil/>.

The NWPL is utilized in conducting wetland determinations under the authority of section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*) and wetland determinations under the authority of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*). For the purposes of determining how often a species occurs in wetlands, wetlands are defined as either (1) those areas that are inundated

or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (33 CFR 328.3) or (2) “except when such term is part of the term ‘converted wetland,’ means land that has a predominance of hydric soils; is inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions; and under normal circumstances does support a prevalence of such vegetation, except that this term does not include lands in Alaska identified as having a high potential for agricultural development and a predominance of permafrost soils.” (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(27) and 7 CFR 12.2). Because each plant species being evaluated occurs as part of a vegetation assemblage, examining all species present in relation to their assigned wetland fidelity may be useful in assessing hydrophytic vegetation.

2024 Update Information

For the 2024 NWPL update, requested wetland indicator status rating changes were submitted by the public. One member of the public submitted a request to change the wetland indicator status rating for *Cicendia quadrangularis* to FAC in the Arid West region. However, the submitter’s requested change is already reflected on the NWPL. Since the requested indicator status rating of FAC is the same wetland indicator status rating already contained in the NWPL, no change is being proposed by the NWPL NP for this species. The NWPL NP and pertinent RPs reviewed the proposed changes for two other species, *Alnus incana* and *Amaranthus tuberculatus*, and made recommendations for the proposed 2024 wetland indicator status ratings for these species detailed below.

Species	Region(s) *	Current 2022 NWPL rating	Proposed 2024 NWPL rating
<i>Alnus incana</i>	AGCP, EMP ...	FACU	FACW.
<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>	MW, NCNE ...	OBL	FACW.

* AGCP—Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain; EMP—Eastern Mountains and Piedmont; MW—Midwest; NCNE—Northcentral and Northeast.

For the 2024 NWPL update, the Alaska RP requested an evaluation of the wetland indicator status ratings for eight species in the Alaska region which have different wetland indicator status ratings for certain subregions within Alaska. The U.S. Army Engineer

Research and Development Center, in collaboration with the Alaska RP, evaluated the subregional wetland indicator status ratings for those eight species using repeatable methods for assignment of wetland indicator status rating, including multiple

correspondence analysis, analysis of similarity, non-metric multidimensional scaling, principal component analysis, and machine learning techniques. Based on the results of this research (Whitecloud et al., 2024), as well as input from the NWPL NP and the

Alaska RP, we propose the following changes, which are summarized in the table below. A copy of this report can be reviewed at the following link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.21079/11681/49509>. Note: no changes are being proposed to the overall Alaska regional wetland indicator status ratings. Subregion acronyms are defined below the recommendations table.

1. *Andromeda polifolia*—for the two examined subregions with adequate sample size (IAL, UKK), change wetland indicator status rating from OBL to FACW. The wetland indicator status rating remains OBL in IAM. For the two examined subregions without adequate sample size (CRB, IBR), the wetland indicator status rating will remain OBL, as there was not sufficient data to support an indicator status change.

2. *Arctous rubra*—change the wetland indicator status rating for all subregions

examined (WBR, NBR, NSL, SPH) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FAC.

3. *Carex canescens*—no change to the subregion wetland indicator status rating of FAC, as none of the five subregions examined (IAL, IAM, CRB, IBR, UKK) had adequate sample size to support a different indicator.

4. *Rhododendron tomentosum*—change the wetland indicator status rating for the subregion examined (PDA) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FACW.

5. *Rubus arcticus*—no change to the subregion wetland indicator status rating of FACU. Retention of FACU is supported by the analyses for three subregions (IAH, IAM, CRB), but two subregions (IAL and IBR) did not have enough data for analysis, so remain unchanged. *Salix arctica*—remains FAC in ACP (supported by analyses) and

NSL (not enough data to support change). WBR and SPH are reassigned from FAC to FACU to match the state.

6. *Salix pulchra*—change the wetland indicator status rating for all subregions examined (WBR, PDA) to match the state wetland indicator status rating of FACW.

7. *Viola palustris*—change the rating for AKI from FAC to FACW. For the purposes of this proposed change, the change from FAC to FACW for *Viola palustris* will apply to Major Land Resource Areas (MLRA) 230 (Yukon-Kuskokwim Highlands) and 232 (Yukon Flats Lowland). Under this proposal, the other NWPL subregions (*i.e.*, MLRAs) found in AKI (CBR, IAH, IAL, IAM, IBR, PDA) will remain FAC. Retention of FAC for IAH and IAM is supported by analyses; the remaining subregions did not have enough data.

Species name	Current Alaska rating	Subregion	Current NWPL subregion rating	Proposed 2024 NWPL subregion rating
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	FACW	IAL	OBL	FACW.
		IAM	OBL	OBL.
		CRB	OBL	OBL.
		IBR	OBL	OBL.
		UKK	OBL	FACW.
<i>Arctous rubra</i>	FAC	WBR	FACW	FAC.
		NBR	FACW	FAC.
		NSL	FACW	FAC.
		SPH	FACW	FAC.
<i>Carex canescens</i>	FACW	IAL	FAC	FAC.
		IAM	FAC	FAC.
		CRB	FAC	FAC.
		IBR	FAC	FAC.
		UKK	FAC	FAC.
<i>Rhododendron tomentosum</i>	FACW	PDA	FAC	FACW.
<i>Rubus arcticus</i>	FAC	IAH	FACU	FACU.
		IAL	FACU	FACU.
		IAM	FACU	FACU.
		CRB	FACU	FACU.
		IBR	FACU	FACU.
<i>Salix arctica</i>	FACU	ACP	FAC	FAC.
		WBR	FAC	FACU.
		NSL	FAC	FAC.
		SPH	FAC	FACU.
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	FACW	WBR	FAC	FACW.
		PDA	FAC	FACW.
<i>Viola palustris</i>	FACW	AKI	FAC	FACW.
		IAH	FAC	FAC.
		IAL	FAC	FAC.
		IAM	FAC	FAC.
		CRB	FAC	FAC.
		IBR	FAC	FAC.
		PDA	FAC	FAC.

ACP—Arctic Coastal Plain; AKI—Alaska Interior; CRB—Copper River Basin; IAH—Interior Alaska Highlands; IAL—Interior Alaska Lowlands; IAM—Interior Alaska Mountains; IBR—Interior Brooks Range; NBR—Northern Brooks Range; NSL—Northern Seward Peninsula; PDA—Pebble/Donlin/Aniak; SPH—Seward Peninsula Highlands; UKK—Upper Kobuk-Koyukuk; WBR—Western Brooks Range.

Instructions for Providing Comments

USACE encourages public input in the form of data, comments, literature references, or field experiences, to help clarify the status of the species reviewed for this update. Comments on these

proposed changes should be emailed to nwpl@usace.army.mil. Users are encouraged to submit literature citations, herbaria records, experiential references, monitoring data, photographic documentation, and other

relevant information. Specific knowledge of, or studies related to, individual species are particularly helpful. When providing input or information on the draft changes to the 2024 NWPL update, commenters should

use their regional botanical and ecological expertise, field observations, reviews of the most recent indicator status information, appropriate botanical literature, floras, herbarium specimens with notation of habitat and associated species, habit data, relevant studies, and historic list information. Providing ratings without supporting documentation or information is not recommended. All submitted comments and information will be compiled and sent to the NP for their review and consideration.

Detailed information on the update process, protocol, and technical issues can be found in the following documents, which are available on the "References/Resources" web page:

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Paul Minkin. Concepts and Procedures for Updating the National Wetland Plant List. 2008. ERDC/CRREL TN-08-3. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar, Robert W. and Jennifer J. Gillich. Final Protocol for Assigning Wetland Indicator Status Ratings during National Wetland Plant List Update. 2011. ERDC/CRREL TN-11-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Lichvar Robert W., Norman C. Melvin, Mary L. Butterwick, and William N. Kirchner. 2012. National Wetland Plant List Indicator Rating Definitions. ERDC/CRREL TN-12-1. Hanover, NH: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development, Center Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory.

- Whitecloud, Simone W., Philley, Kevin D., Minkin, J. Paul, Antrim, Anna K., Lichtner, Franz J., Wuerslin, Nicole A., Barker, Natalie. D., Gong, Ping., Campellone, Estrella F., Gordon, Kyle B., and Wilson, Matthew S. (2024). Assessing the validity and accuracy of Wetland Indicator Status Ratings for eight species in Alaska subregions. ERDC TR- 24-26. Vicksburg, MS: U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center.

Future Actions

Submissions throughout the review period will be compiled and reviewed prior to each NWPL update and any resulting proposed changes will be reflected in the subsequent notice of an updated list. Future updates to the NWPL will occur on a to be determined schedule. A change in indicator status for a given species, or a proposed species addition may be requested at any time at <https://wetland->

plants.sec.usace.army.mil/ under "Submit NWPL Change Request."

Stephen L. Hill,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ25-4-000]

Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 6, 2024, Western Area Power Administration submits tariff filing per 35.28(e): Open Access Transmission Tariff, 2024-1-20241206 to be effective 2/4/2025.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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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Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 21, 2025.

Dated: January 22, 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 exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG25-79-000.

Applicants: Old 300 Storage Center, LLC.

Description: Old 300 Storage Center, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122-5136.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

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

Docket Numbers: ER24-2497-001.

Applicants: Buckeye Plains Solar Project, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122-5210.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-2498-001.

Applicants: Foxhound Solar, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122-5211.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24-2500-001.

Applicants: Pickaway County Solar Project, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5213.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24–2501–001.

Applicants: Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5215.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER24–2502–001.

Applicants: Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Reflect Extension of Waiver of Affiliate Restrictions to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5217.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–374–001.

Applicants: Westlands Transmission Project Owner, LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to November 5 Filing of Amended TSAs, etc. to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5203.

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

Docket Numbers: ER25–981–000.

Applicants: Idaho Power Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Tariff Database Reorganization Filing to be effective 1/24/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5000.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–982–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 4239R1 Little Blue Wind II GIA to be effective 1/8/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5009.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–983–000.

Applicants: SunEnergy1, LLC.

Description: SunEnergy1, LLC submits a Petition for Limited Waiver and Request for Shortened Comment Period with Expedited Commission Action.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121–5273.

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

Docket Numbers: ER25–984–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, Service Agreement No. 6864; Queue No. AF1–019 to be effective 3/24/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5051.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–985–000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5069.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–986–000.

Applicants: Nevada Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5070.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–987–000.

Applicants: Sierra Pacific Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5071.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–988–000.

Applicants: AlbertaEx, L.P.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5078.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–989–000.

Applicants: BHE Glacier Wind 1, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5080.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–990–000.

Applicants: BHE Glacier Wind 2, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5082.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–992–000.

Applicants: BHE Power Watch, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5084.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–993–000.

Applicants: BHE Rim Rock Wind, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5086.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–994–000.

Applicants: BHE Wind Watch, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5091.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–995–000.

Applicants: BHER Market Operations, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–996–000.

Applicants: Bishop Hill Energy II LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5093.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–997–000.

Applicants: CalEnergy, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5094.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–998–000.

Applicants: CE Leathers Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5095.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–999–000.

Applicants: Cordova Energy Company LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5096.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1000–000.
Applicants: Del Ranch Company.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5097.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1001–000.
Applicants: Elmore Company.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5098.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1002–000.
Applicants: Fish Lake Power LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5099.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1003–000.
Applicants: Grande Prairie Wind,
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5100.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1004–000.
Applicants: Independence Wind
 Energy LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5101.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1005–000.
Applicants: Marshall Wind Energy
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5102.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1006–000.
Applicants: MidAmerican Energy
 Services, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5104.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1007–000.
Applicants: MidAmerican Energy
 Company.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5106.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1008–000.
Applicants: Pinyon Pines Wind I,
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5109.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1009–000.
Applicants: Pinyon Pines Wind II,
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5110.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1010–000.
Applicants: Salton Sea Power L.L.C.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5112.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1011–000.
Applicants: Salton Sea Power
 Generation Company.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5113.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1012–000.
Applicants: Evergy Kansas Central,
 Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing:
 Revisions to Second Revised FPC No.
 127 Electric Interconnection Agreement
 to be effective 3/1/2025.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5114.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1013–000.
Applicants: Saranac Power Partners,
 L.P.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR

Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5115.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1014–000.
Applicants: Solar Star 3, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5116.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1015–000.
Applicants: Solar Star 4, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5119.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1016–000.
Applicants: Solar Star California XIX,
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5120.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1017–000.
Applicants: Solar Star California XX,
 LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5122.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1018–000.
Applicants: Topaz Solar Farms LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5124.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1019–000.
Applicants: Walnut Ridge Wind, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.
Filed Date: 1/22/25.
Accession Number: 20250122–5126.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.
Docket Numbers: ER25–1020–000.
Applicants: Yuma Cogeneration
 Associates.
Description: Compliance filing:
 Compliance Filing Updating MBR
 Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and
 NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5130.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1021–000.

Applicants: Vulcan/BN Geothermal

Power Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Updating MBR Tariffs re MBR Authority for IPCO and NWMT BAA to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5131.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1022–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: GDECS Revisions to PJM Tariff, OA & RAA to be effective 3/24/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25–1023–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to WMPA SA No. 3456, X1–032 & WMPA SA No. 4013; Y1080 to be effective 3/24/2025.

Filed Date: 1/22/25.

Accession Number: 20250122–5206.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/12/25.

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Dated: January 22, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–10–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project

On October 29, 2024, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed an application in Docket No. CP25–10–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Authorization pursuant to Sections 7(b) and Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities and for the related abandonment of certain compression facilities. The proposed project is known as the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project (Project) and would replace certain facilities and expand Transco's existing system to provide an additional 1,596,900 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity in the southeastern United States.

On November 12, 2024, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—November 7, 2025

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1732530814. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—February 5, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The Southeast Supply Enhancement Project would consist of:

- construction of approximately 30.8 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Rockingham County, North Carolina;³
- construction of approximately 294 feet of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and ancillary valves in Rockingham County, North Carolina;
- construction of approximately 24.1 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Guilford, Forsyth, and Davidson Counties, North Carolina;
- addition of compressor units at Transco's existing Compressor Stations 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia; 155 in Davidson County, North Carolina; and 150 in Iredell County, North Carolina;
- abandoning three compressor units and replacing with three larger compressor units at Transco's existing Compressor Station 145 in Cleveland County, North Carolina;
- modifications to valve controls at existing mainline valves in Lincoln County and Gaston County, North Carolina;
- piping modifications at Transco's existing Compressor Stations 135 in Anderson County, South Carolina; 125 in Walton County, Georgia; and 105 in Coosa County, Alabama; and
- regulator installation and piping modifications at Transco's existing Compressor Station 120 in Henry County, Georgia.

Background

On May 7, 2024, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned Southeast Supply Enhancement Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (Notice of Scoping). On June 6, 2024, we issued a *Notice of Scoping Meetings and Extension of Scoping Period for the Planned Southeast Supply*

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

³ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

Enhancement Project. Both notices were issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket No. PF24–2–000 and sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the National Park Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; Alabama Department of Environmental Management; Virginia Department of Transportation; Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; North Carolina State Senator Alexander; members of the North Carolina General Assembly; City of Danville; Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors; Town of Chatham; Danville-Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce; 57 landowners, labor union members, and other interested individuals; as well as 22 businesses and non-governmental organizations. In response to the Notice of Application for the Project we additionally received comments in support of and opposition to Project from approximately 11 state and locally affiliated governmental entities, 17 non-government organizations, 14 businesses, and 31 individuals.

The primary issues raised by the commenters were concerns related to fossil fuel use and climate change; effects on environmental justice communities; impacts on water, wildlife, and cultural resources; property-specific impacts of pipeline construction; property values; safety; alternatives; cumulative impacts; need for increased natural gas supply in the region; and job creation. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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Dated: January 22, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, all agencies are required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of their system of records. Notice is hereby given that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is publishing a notice of modifications to an existing FERC system of records titled "Commission Restoration of Annual Leave Request Files (FERC—28)".

DATES: Comments on this modified system of records must be received no later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If no public comment is received during this period or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by

FERC, the modified system of records will become effective a minimum of 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If FERC receives public comments, FERC shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 or electronically to privacy@ferc.gov. Comments should include that they are submitted in response to "Commission Restoration of Annual Leave Request Files (FERC—28)".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mittal Desai, Chief Information Officer & Senior Agency Official for Privacy, Office of the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, privacy@ferc.gov, (202) 502–6432.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, and to comply with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M–17–12, "Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information", January 3, 2017, this notice has one (1) updated routine use (routine use 13) and twelve (13) new routine uses, including two routine uses that will permit FERC to disclose information as necessary in response to an actual or suspected breach that pertains to a breach of its own records or to assist another agency in its efforts to respond to a breach that was previously published separately at 87 FR 35543 (June 10, 2022).

The following sections have been updated to reflect changes made since the publication of the last notice in the **Federal Register**: dates; addresses; for further information contact; system location; system manager(s); purpose(s) of the system; categories of records in the system; record source categories; routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purpose of such; policies and practices for storage of records; policies and practices for retention and disposal of records; administrative, technical, physical safeguards; record access procedures; contesting record procedures; notification procedures; and history.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Commission Restoration of Annual Leave Request Files (FERC—28).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, Chief Human Officer Directorate, Workforce Relations Division, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director, Workforce Relations Division, Chief Human Officer Directorate, Office of the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6475.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 CFR 630.101.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The purpose of this system of records is to maintain documentation on employees requesting restoration of excess annual leave lost.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The categories of individuals on whom records are maintained are FERC current and former employees.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The categories of records maintained in the system include name, title, grade, series, basis of the request, reason, hours forfeited, hours requested for restoration, reason for the request, date of approval, signature, supervisor's name and signature, reviewing official's name and signature, date of approval or disapproval, the request for restoration, any supporting documents, and the decision document.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records are obtained from Workforce Relations Division director, office directors, FERC employees submitting the request, and personnel specialists.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, information maintained in this system may be disclosed to authorized entities outside FERC for purposes determined to be relevant and necessary as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

1. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (a) FERC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (b) FERC has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the Commission (including its information

systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (c) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Commission's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

2. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when FERC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach; or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

3. To a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from that congressional office made at the request of that individual.

4. To the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) when requested in connection with investigations of alleged or possible discriminatory practices, examination of Federal affirmative employment programs, or other functions of the Commission as authorized by law or regulation.

5. To the Federal Labor Relations Authority or its General Counsel when requested in connection with investigations of allegations of unfair labor practices or matters before the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

6. To disclose information to another Federal agency, to a court, or a party in litigation before a court or in an administrative proceeding being conducted by a Federal agency, when the Government is a party to the judicial or administrative proceeding. In those cases where the Government is not a party to the proceeding, records may be disclosed if a subpoena has been signed by a judge.

7. To the Department of Justice (DOJ) for its use in providing legal advice to FERC or in representing FERC in a proceeding before a court, adjudicative body, or other administrative body, where the use of such information by the DOJ is deemed by FERC to be relevant and necessary to the advice or proceeding, and such proceeding names as a party in interest: (a) FERC; (b) any employee of FERC in his or her official capacity; (c) any employee of FERC in his or her individual capacity where DOJ has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States, where FERC determines that litigation is

likely to affect FERC or any of its components.

8. To non-Federal Personnel, such as contractors, agents, or other authorized individuals performing work on a contract, service, cooperative agreement, job, or other activity on behalf of FERC or Federal Government and who have a need to access the information in the performance of their duties or activities.

9. To the National Archives and Records Administration in records management inspections and its role as Archivist.

10. To the Merit Systems Protection Board or the Board's Office of the Special Counsel, when relevant information is requested in connection with appeals, special studies of the civil service and other merit systems, review of OPM rules and regulations, and investigations of alleged or possible prohibited personnel practices.

11. To appropriate Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, if the information may be relevant to a potential violation of civil or criminal law, rule, regulation, order.

12. To appropriate agencies, entities, and person(s) that are a party to a dispute, when FERC determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary for the recipient to assist with the resolution of the dispute; and the information may include the name, address, telephone number, email address, and affiliation of the agency, entity, and/or person(s) seeking and/or participating in dispute resolution services, where appropriate.

13. To Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or Government Accountability Office (GAO) during the course of on-site inspections or human resources audits.

14. To Department of Interior to enter the information in a federal shared service provider.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are stored in electronic format. Electronic records are stored on a SharePoint site within FERC's network. Data access is restricted to agency personnel whose responsibilities require access. Access to electronic records is controlled by the organization's Single Sign-On and Multi-Factor Authentication Solution. Role based access is used to restrict data access and the organization employs the principle of least privilege, allowing only authorized users with access (or processes acting on behalf of users) necessary to accomplish assigned tasks

in accordance with organizational missions and business functions.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by employee name.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retained in accordance with the applicable National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) schedule, General Records Schedule (GRS) 2.4: Employee Compensation and Benefits Records, Item 030: Time and Attendance Records. Disposition Authority: DAA-GRS-2019-0004-0002. Destroy when 3 years old, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

See Policies and Practices for Storage of Records.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting access to the contents of records must submit a request through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office. The FOIA website is located at: <https://www.ferc.gov/foia>. Requests may be submitted through the following portal: <https://www.ferc.gov/enforcement-legal/foia/electronic-foia-privacy-act-request-form>. Written requests for access to records should be directed to: Director, Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Records Access procedures.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Generalized notice is provided by the publication of this notice. For specific notice, see Records Access Procedure, above.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

65 FR 21750 (April 24, 2000).

Issued: January 21, 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: RP25-364-000.

Applicants: Southern LNG Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Dredging Surcharge Cost Adjustment—2025 to be effective 3/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/21/25.

Accession Number: 20250121-5165.

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

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Dated: January 22, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2614-042]

City of Hamilton, Ohio and American Municipal Power, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

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.:* 2614-042.

c. *Date Filed:* February 21, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* City of Hamilton, Ohio (City of Hamilton) and American Municipal Power, Inc. (American Power).

e. *Name of Project:* Greenup Hydroelectric Project (Greenup Project).

f. *Location:* The Greenup Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Greenup Locks and Dam on the Ohio River near the Town of Franklin Furnace in Scioto County, Ohio and Greenup County, Kentucky. The project occupies 12.74 acres of federal land administered by the Corps.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jeff Martin, City of Hamilton, Ohio, 9505 West Mary Ingles Highway (KY Route 8), Foster, KY 41043; (606) 747-6103;

greenuplicensing@hamilton-oh.gov and John McGreevy, American Municipal Power, Inc., 1111 Schrock Road, Columbus, OH 43229; (614) 540-1111; greenuplicensing@hamilton-oh.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Twyla Cheatwood, Project Coordinator, Midwest Branch, Division of Hydropower Licensing; telephone at (202) 502-8066; email at Twyla.cheatwood@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FEROnlineSupport@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: Greenup Hydroelectric Project (P-2614-042).

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. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The Greenup Project uses the Corps' existing Greenup Locks and Dam and consist of the following existing facilities: (1) a 125-foot-long, 145-foot-wide reinforced concrete intake channel with sloped bottom and vertical left and right bank concrete walls; (2) three 39-foot-wide intakes equipped with trashracks having a clear bar spacing of 5.9 inches; (3) a 145-foot-wide and 190-foot-long powerhouse consisting of a steel-plate enclosure with concrete filled bulkhead walls located on the east (right) end of the dam, with a combined capacity of 70.27 megawatts; (4) a 125-foot-long and 145-foot-wide reinforced concrete tailrace channel with sloped bottom and vertical left and right bank concrete walls; (5) a 10-foot-wide gravity dam between the left wall of the intake channel and gated spillway which acts as an uncontrolled spillway during open river (flood) conditions; and (6) a steel sheet pile wall that stabilizes the right (east) bank.

The Greenup Project currently operates in a run-of-release mode with releases made in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the licensees and the Corps. The project has an estimated average annual energy production of 263,596 megawatt-hours. City of Hamilton and American Power do not propose any new construction and propose to continue operating the project in a run-of-release mode.

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 docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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

n. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

o. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and email address of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Dated: January 21, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5679-041]

Energy Stream, LLC; Notice of Meeting

a. *Project Name and Number:* M.S.C. Hydroelectric Project No. 5679.

b. *Applicant:* Energy Stream, LLC (Energy Stream).

c. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

d. *FERC Contact:* John Baummer, (202) 502-6837, or john.baummer@ferc.gov.

e. *Purpose of Meeting:* Commission staff will hold a meeting with representatives from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (Connecticut SHPO) and Energy Stream to discuss Commission staff's draft Programmatic Agreement for the M.S.C Hydroelectric Project, pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

f. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate. If meeting attendees decide to disclose information about a specific location that could create a risk or harm to an archaeological site or Native American cultural resource, attendees other than Connecticut SHPO, Tribal representatives, and Commission staff will be excused for that portion of the meeting.

g. A summary of the meeting will be placed in the public record of this proceeding. As appropriate, the meeting summary will include both a public, redacted version that excludes any information about the specific location of any archaeological site or Native American cultural resource and an unredacted privileged version. Parties planning to attend the meeting should notify John Baummer at (202) 502-6837 or john.baummer@ferc.gov by Wednesday, February 5, 2025, to RSVP and receive specific instructions for logging in to the meeting.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than February 27, 2025.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Erien O. Terry, Assistant Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309; Comments can also be sent electronically to Applications.Comments@atl.frb.org:

1. *Lindsey Family Trust, Lennox, Georgia*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring Trust Holding Company, Inc., and The Trust Bank, both of Lenox, Georgia.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street,

Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414.

Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@chi.frb.org:

1. *Morning Sun Bank Corp., Morning Sun, Iowa*; to acquire First Trust and Savings Bank, Coralville, Iowa.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Holly A. Rieser, Senior Manager) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034. Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@stls.frb.org:

1. *Old National Bancorp, Evansville, Indiana*; to acquire Bremer Financial Corporation, and thereby indirectly acquire Bremer Bank, National Association, both of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in paragraph 7 of the Act.

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as

confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551-0001, not later than February 12, 2025.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Erien O. Terry, Assistant Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309; Comments can also be sent electronically to Applications.Comments@atl.frb.org:

1. *Anchor Bank Irrevocable Trust, Coral Gables, Florida, Guido E. Hinojosa Cardoso, as trustee, La Paz, Bolivia*; to join the Hinojosa Control Group, a group acting in concert, to acquire voting shares of Anchor Bancorp Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Anchor Bank, both of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC or Commission) is seeking public comment on its proposal to extend for an additional three years the Office of Management and Budget clearance for information collection requirements contained in the Alternative Fuels Rule (Rule). This clearance expires on April 30, 2025.

DATES: Comments must be filed by March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Alternative Fuels Rule, PRA Comment, P085405," on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade

Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hong Park, Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, (202) 326-2158, hpark@ftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Labeling Requirements for Alternative Fuels and Alternative Fueled Vehicles (Alternative Fuels Rule), 16 CFR part 309.

OMB Control No.: 3084-0094.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,900 hours.

Estimated Annual Labor Costs: \$103,337.

Non-Labor Costs: \$1,350.

Abstract

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 established federal programs to encourage the development of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs). Section 406(a) of the Act directed the Commission to establish uniform labeling requirements for alternative fuels and AFVs. 42 U.S.C. 13232(a). Such labels must provide “appropriate information with respect to costs and benefits [of alternative fuels and AFVs], so as to reasonably enable the consumer to make choices and comparisons.” The required labels must be “simple and, where appropriate, consolidated with other labels providing information to the consumer.”

Pursuant to the Act, the Commission published the Alternative Fuels Rule in 1995, and the Rule was later amended in 2013.¹ The Rule requires disclosure of specific information on labels posted on fuel dispensers for non-liquid alternative fuels. To ensure the accuracy of these disclosures, the Rule also requires that sellers maintain records substantiating product-specific disclosures they include on these labels. In addition, the Rule requires that distributors of non-liquid alternative vehicle fuel provide certifications of the fuel rating in each transfer to anyone who is not a consumer.

As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, the FTC is providing this opportunity for

public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing clearance for the information collection requirements contained in the Alternative Fuels Rule.

Burden Estimates

I. Annual Hours Burden: 2,900 hours.

FTC staff estimates that approximately 9,092 industry participants² are subject to the Rule’s information collection requirements. The burden estimates for covered entities are detailed below.³

Labeling: Staff estimates that approximately 1,776 covered retailers must revise covered labels annually.⁴ Staff estimates that affected retailers require approximately one hour each per year for labeling their fuel dispensers for a total of 1,776 hours (1,776 respondents × 1 hour per year).

Recordkeeping: FTC staff estimates that approximately 9,092 industry participants are subject to the Rule’s recordkeeping requirements. Staff estimates that covered entities require approximately one-tenth of an hour each per year to comply with these requirements. This yields a burden of approximately 910 hours per year (9,092 respondents × 0.1 hours).

Certification: Staff estimates that the Rule’s fuel rating certification requirements will affect approximately 214 industry members (producers, importers, and refiners of CNG, LNG, and hydrogen, and distributors and manufacturers of electric vehicle fuel dispensing systems). Staff anticipates that covered industry participants will spend approximately one hour per year to comply with this requirement for a

² These industry participants include producers, importers, refiners, distributors, and retailers of non-liquid vehicle fuel such as compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), and hydrogen; and manufacturers, distributors, and retail operators of electric vehicle fuel dispensing systems.

³ It is common practice for alternative fuel industry members to determine and monitor fuel ratings in the normal course of their business activities. This is because industry members must know and determine the fuel ratings of their products in order to monitor quality and decide how to market them. “Burden” for PRA purposes is defined to exclude effort that would be expended regardless of any regulatory requirement. 5 CFR 1320.2(b)(2). Other factors also limit the burden associated with the Rule. Certification may be a one-time event or require only infrequent revision. Disclosures on electric vehicle fuel dispensing systems may be useable for several years. Nonetheless, there is still some burden associated with posting labels. There also will be some minimal burden associated with new or revised certification of fuel ratings and recordkeeping.

⁴ Staff estimates that approximately 8,878 retailers are subject to the Rule’s labeling requirements. Staff estimates that approximately 20% of covered retailers (1,776) will need to replace their labels annually because many labels remain effective for several years.

total of 214 hours (214 respondents × 1 hour per year).

Accordingly, the estimated annual burden under the Rule is 2,900 hours (1,776 + 910 + 214).

Labor Costs: \$103,337.

FTC staff derive labor costs by applying appropriate hourly wage figures to the burden hours described above. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data,⁵ the average compensation for fuel system operators is \$42.36 per hour; and \$16.60 per hour for automotive service attendants. These are factored into the FTC’s estimates and assumptions below.

Labeling: Staff assumes that labeling is performed by fuel system operators. Applying relevant labor cost figures to the estimated burden hours for labeling yields an estimated annual labor cost of \$75,232 (1,776 hours × \$42.36).

Recordkeeping: Staff estimates that approximately 1/6 of the total recordkeeping hours are performed by fuel system operators (1/6 of 910 hours = approximately 152 hours; 152 hours × \$42.36 = \$6,439) and that automotive service attendants account for the remaining 5/6 of recordkeeping hours (5/6 of 910 hours = approximately 759 hours; 759 hours × \$16.60 = \$12,600).

Accordingly, staff estimates that the total labor cost for recordkeeping for affected industry is approximately \$19,039 (\$6,439 + \$12,600).

Certification: Staff assumes that certification is performed by fuel system operators. Estimated associated labor costs would be \$9,066 (214 hours × \$42.36).

Accordingly, the estimated annual labor cost under the Rule is \$103,337 (\$75,232 + \$19,039 + \$9,066).

II. Non-Labor Costs: \$1,350.

Staff believes there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule, which has been in effect since 1995. Industry members have in place the capital equipment and means necessary to determine automotive fuel ratings and comply with the Rule. Industry members, however, incur the cost of procuring fuel dispenser labels to comply with the Rule.

The estimated annual fuel labeling cost, based on estimates of approximately 8,000 fuel dispensers (assumptions: an estimated 20% of

⁵ The wage estimates in this Notice are based on mean hourly wages found in Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2023, at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>. The wage rate for fuel system operators is based on data for “Petroleum pump system operators, refinery operators, and gaugers.” The wage rate for automotive attendants is based on data for “Automotive and watercraft service attendants.”

¹ 78 FR 23832 (April 23, 2013). The final amendments consolidated the Commission’s AFV labels with the then new fuel economy labels required by the Environmental Protection Agency thereby eliminating the FTC’s separate labeling requirements for used AFV labels.

8,878 total fuel retailers need to replace labels in any given year with an approximate five-year life for labels—*i.e.*, 1,776 retailers—multiplied by an average of two dispensers per retailer) at thirty-eight cents for each label (per industry sources), is \$1,350 ($\$0.38 \times 1,776 \times 2$).

Request for Comment

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC invites comments on: (1) whether the disclosure and recordkeeping requirements are necessary, including whether the information will be practically useful; (2) the accuracy of our burden estimates, including whether the methodology and assumptions used are valid; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information.

For the FTC to consider a comment, we must receive it on or before March 31, 2025. Your comment, including your name and your state, will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

You can file a comment online or on paper. Due to heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission will be subject to delay. We encourage you to submit your comments online through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

If you file your comment on paper, write “Alternative Fuels Rule, PRA Comment, P085405,” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail it to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC–5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580.

Because your comment will become publicly available at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else’s Social Security number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any “trade secret or any commercial or financial information

which . . . is privileged or confidential”—as provided by section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including, in particular, competitively sensitive information, such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must (1) be filed in paper form, (2) be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and (3) comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. *See* FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Once your comment has been posted publicly at www.regulations.gov, we cannot redact or remove your comment unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the requirements for such treatment under FTC Rule 4.9(c), and the General Counsel grants that request.

The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before March 31, 2025. For information on the Commission’s privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/site-information/privacy-policy>.

Josephine Liu,

Assistant General Counsel for Legal Counsel.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Receipt of Amended Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has received an amended complaint entitled “Certain Motorized Self-Balancing Vehicles, DN 3801”; the Commission is soliciting comments on

any public interest issues raised by the amended complaint or complainant’s filing pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa R. Barton, Secretary to the Commission, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. The public version of the complaint can be accessed on the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at United States International Trade Commission (USITC) at <https://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received an amended complaint and a submission pursuant to § 210.8(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure filed on behalf of Razor USA LLC and Shane Chen on January 21, 2025. The original complaint was filed on January 3, 2025 and a notice of receipt of complaint; solicitation of comments relating to the public interest published in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2025. The amended complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain motorized self-balancing vehicles. The amended complaint names as respondents: Golabs Inc. d/b/a Gotrax of Carrollton, TX; Dongguan Saibotan Nengyuan Keji Co., Ltd. d/b/a “Gyroor US” of China; Unicorn Network, LLC d/b/a/Sisigad c/o A Registered Agent, Inc. of Dover, DE; Gyroor Technology (CHINA) Co., Ltd. d/b/a Gyroor of China; and Shenzhen Chitado Technology Co., Ltd. d/b/a Gyroor of China. The complainant requests that the Commission issue a limited exclusion order, cease and desist orders and impose a bond upon respondents’ alleged infringing articles during the 60-day Presidential review period pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(j).

Proposed respondents, other interested parties, members of the public, and interested government agencies are invited to file comments on

any public interest issues raised by the amended complaint or § 210.8(b) filing. Comments should address whether issuance of the relief specifically requested by the complainant in this investigation would affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) explain how the articles potentially subject to the requested remedial orders are used in the United States;

(ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the requested remedial orders;

(iii) identify like or directly competitive articles that complainant, its licensees, or third parties make in the United States which could replace the subject articles if they were to be excluded;

(iv) indicate whether complainant, complainant's licensees, and/or third party suppliers have the capacity to replace the volume of articles potentially subject to the requested exclusion order and/or a cease and desist order within a commercially reasonable time; and

(v) explain how the requested remedial orders would impact United States consumers.

Written submissions on the public interest must be filed no later than by close of business, eight calendar days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. There will be further opportunities for comment on the public interest after the issuance of any final initial determination in this investigation. Any written submissions on other issues must also be filed by no later than the close of business, eight calendar days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Complainant may file replies to any written submissions no later than three calendar days after the date on which any initial submissions were due, notwithstanding § 201.14(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No other submissions will be accepted, unless requested by the Commission. Any submissions and replies filed in response to this Notice are limited to five (5) pages in length, inclusive of attachments.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above. Submissions should refer to the docket number ("Docket No. 3801") in a prominent place on the

cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, Electronic Filing Procedures¹). Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice. Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary at EDIS3Help@usitc.gov.

Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of this Investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. Government employees and contract personnel², solely for cybersecurity purposes. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS³.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and of §§ 201.10 and 210.8(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.10, 210.8(c)).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 23, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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¹ Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures: https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf.

² All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

³ Electronic Document Information System (EDIS): <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1377]

Certain Products Containing Tirzepatide and Products Purporting To Contain Tirzepatide; Notice of a Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Finding Respondents in Violation of Section 337; Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 26) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"), partially granting a motion for summary determination on violation of section 337. The Commission requests written submissions from the parties, interested government agencies, and other interested persons on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding, under the schedule set forth below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald A. Traud, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3427. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on November 27, 2023, based upon a complaint filed on behalf of Eli Lilly and Company of Indianapolis, Indiana ("Lilly"). 88 FR 82914, 82914–15 (Nov. 27, 2023). 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 products containing tirzepatide or purporting to contain tirzepatide by reason of false designation of source and

false and misleading advertising, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States, and by reason of infringement of U.S. Trademark No. 6,809,369. *Id.* The complaint also alleges that a domestic industry exists pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of section 337. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents: (1) Arctic Peptides LLC of Akeny, Iowa ("Arctic Peptides"); (2) Audrey Beauty Co. of Hong Kong, China ("Audrey Beauty"); (3) Biolabshop Limited of Lancaster, United Kingdom ("Biolabshop"); (4) Mew Mews Company Limited of Hong Kong, China ("Mew Mews"); (5) Strate Labs LLC of Spring, Texas ("Strate Labs"); (6) Steroide Kaufen of Bialystok, Poland ("Steroide Kaufen"); (7) Super Human Store of Barcelona, Spain ("SHS"); (8) Supopeptide of Cedar Grove, New Jersey ("Supopeptide"); (9) Triggered Supplements LLC (d/b/a The Triggered Brand) of Clearwater, Florida ("Triggered Brand"); (10) Unewlife of Cedar Grove, New Jersey ("Unewlife"); and (11) Xiamen Austronext Trading Co., Ltd. (d/b/a AustroPeptide) of Fujian, China ("AustroPeptide"). *Id.* at 82915. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also named as a party in this investigation. *Id.*

On March 21, 2024, the investigation terminated in part, based on withdrawal of the related allegations in the complaint, as to respondents Unewlife, Supopeptide, and Steroide Kaufen. Order No. 8 (Mar. 7, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Mar. 21, 2024).

On May 15, 2024, the Commission found Arctic Peptides, Audrey Beauty, Biolabshop, Mew Mews, Strate Labs, SHS, Triggered Brand, and AustroPeptide in default. Order No. 13 (Apr. 22, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (May 15, 2024).

On May 21, 2024, the complaint was amended to add as respondents Fibonacci Sequence LLC (d/b/a GenX Peptides) of Houston, Texas ("GenX Peptides"); and Paradigm Peptides of Michigan City, Indiana ("Paradigm Peptides"). Order No. 12 (Apr. 22, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (May 21, 2024), available at 89 FR 46159, 46159–60 (May 28, 2024).

On June 13, 2024, the complaint was further amended to add as a respondent Total Compounding Pharmaceuticals of Australia ("Total Compounding"). Order No. 16 (May 8, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (June 13, 2024), available at 89 FR 5149, 51549–50 (June 18, 2024).

On October 16, 2024, the Commission found GenX Peptides in default. Order

No. 23 (Aug. 27, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Oct. 16, 2024).

On July 12, 2024, Lilly moved for summary determination on violation based on allegations of trademark infringement, false designation of origin, and/or false advertising against (1) Arctic Peptides, (2) Audrey Beauty, (3) Biolabshop, (4) Mew Mews, (5) Strate Labs, (6) SHS, (7) Triggered Brand, (8) AustroPeptide, (9) GenX Peptides, (10) Paradigm Peptides, and (11) Total Compounding. On December 6, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID, which partially granted the motion. Order No. 26 (Dec. 6, 2024). The ID granted Lilly's motion regarding trademark infringement as to respondents Audrey Beauty, Mew Mews, SHS, and Triggered Brand, but denied the motion as to GenX Peptides, Total Compounding, Paradigm Peptides, and Strate Labs. *E.g.*, ID at 134 (including n.61). The ID granted Lilly's motion regarding false designation of origin as to respondents Audrey Beauty, Mew Mews, SHS, Triggered Brand, and Strate Labs, but denied the motion as to GenX Peptides, Total Compounding, Paradigm Peptides, and Biolabshop. *E.g.*, *id.* (including n. 62). And the ID granted Lilly's motion as to false advertising as to respondents SHS, AustroPeptide, and Arctic Peptides. *E.g.*, *id.* The ID additionally found that Lilly is entitled to summary determination as to the domestic industry requirement. *E.g.*, *id.* No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The subject ID included the ALJ's Preliminary Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bond ("RD"), should a violation be found. The RD recommended: (1) a general exclusion order directed to certain products containing tirzepatide and products purporting to contain tirzepatide imported, sold for importation, and/or sold after importation for the asserted trademark infringement and false designation of origin allegations; (2) in the alternative to a general exclusion order for the asserted trademark infringement and false designation of origin allegations, limited exclusion orders directed to Audrey Beauty, Mew Mews, SHS, Triggered Brand, Strate Labs, and AustroPeptide; (3) limited exclusion orders directed to SHS and AustroPeptide for the false advertising allegations; and (4) in addition to either a general exclusion order or limited exclusion orders, cease and desist orders directed to Arctic Peptides, Triggered Brand, and Strate Labs. The Commission notes that only the portions of Order No. 26 that correspond to a grant of a summary determination of

violation for a particular respondent and claim are ripe for review at this time.

Having reviewed the record of the investigation, including the ID and the parties' submissions to the ALJ, the Commission has determined not to review the ID.

In connection with the final disposition of this investigation, the statute authorizes issuance of, *inter alia*, (1) an exclusion order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States; and/or (2) cease and desist orders that could result in the respondents being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or likely to do so. For background, see *Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines*, Inv. No. 337-TA-360, USITC Pub. No. 2843, Comm'n Op. at 7–10 (Dec. 1994).

The statute requires the Commission to consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The public interest factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order and cease and desist orders would have on: (1) the public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the U.S. Trade Representative, as delegated by the President, has 60 days to approve, disapprove, or take no action on the Commission's determination. See Presidential Memorandum of July 21, 2005, 70 FR 43251 (July 26, 2005). During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under bond, in an amount determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed if a remedy is ordered.

Written Submissions: Parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Such submissions should address the recommended determination by the ALJ on remedy and bonding.

In its initial submission, Complainant is also requested to identify the remedy sought and Complainant and OUI are requested to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission's consideration. Complainant is further to provide the HTSUS subheadings under which the accused products are imported, and to supply the identification information for all known importers of the products at issue in this investigation. The initial written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than close of business on February 5, 2025. Reply submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on February 12, 2025. No further submissions on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. No further submissions on any of these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above. The Commission's paper filing requirements in 19 CFR 210.4(f) are currently waived. 85 FR 15798 (Mar. 19, 2020). Submissions should refer to the investigation number (Inv. No. 337-TA-1377) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf). Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary, (202) 205-2000.

Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment by marking each document with a header indicating that the document contains confidential information. This marking will be deemed to satisfy the request procedure set forth in Rules 201.6(b) and 210.5(e)(2) (19 CFR 201.6(b) & 210.5(e)(2)). Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. Any non-party wishing to submit comments containing confidential information must serve those comments on the parties to the investigation pursuant to the applicable Administrative Protective Order. A redacted non-confidential version of the document must also be filed with the

Commission and served on any parties to the investigation within two business days of any confidential filing. All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of this investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. Government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection on EDIS.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on January 22, 2025.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 22, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-455 and 731-TA-1149 (Third Review)]

Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe From China; Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on circular welded carbon quality steel line pipe from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

DATES: December 9, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Carlos Pena Flores—(202) 205-3169), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter 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 (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On December 9, 2024, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (89 FR 71419, September 3, 2024) of the subject five-year reviews was adequate and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews.¹ Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)).²

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

Staff report.—A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews has been placed in the nonpublic record, and will be made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews on February 12, 2025. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Written submissions.—As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the

¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

² Commissioner Johanson voted to conduct full reviews.

notice of institution,³ and any party other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before February 20, 2025 and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by February 20, 2025. However, should the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce’s final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce’s results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission’s rules. The Commission’s *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission’s website at https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf, elaborates upon the Commission’s procedures with respect to filings.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Determination.—The Commission has determined these reviews are extraordinarily complicated and therefore has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Act; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission’s rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 22, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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³ The Commission has found the responses submitted on behalf of the American Line Pipe Producers Association (“ALPPA”) Welded Line Pipe Committee to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Mobile Satellite Services Association

Notice is hereby given that, on December 17, 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”), Mobile Satellite Services Association (“MSSA”) 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, Mavenir Systems, Inc., Richardson, TX; MTN Group Management Services, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA; PCTEL, Clarksburg, MD; and Qualcomm, San Diego, CA, have joined as parties to this venture. Also, AI Yah Satellite Communications Company PJSC has changed its name to Space42, Abu Dhabi, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or the planned activity of the venture. Membership in MSSA remains open, and MSSA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 26, 2024, the Joint Venture 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 21, 2024 (89 FR 52089).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 3, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 2, 2024 (89 FR 95237).

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—Blockchain Security Standards Council, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on December 19, 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”), Blockchain Security Standards Council, Inc. (“BSSC”) 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, Turnkey Global, Inc., New York, NY; and BitGo, Palo Alto, CA, 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 BSSC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On July 9, 2024, BSSC 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 September 26, 2024 (89 FR 78902).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 26, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 15, 2024 (89 FR 83052).

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—UHD Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on December 3, 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”), UHD Alliance, Inc. (“UHD Alliance”) 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, Valerion Technology USA Co., Ltd, Denver, CO has been added 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 UHD Alliance intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 17, 2015, UHD Alliance 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 July 17, 2015 (80 FR 42537).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 8, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104209).

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—Petroleum Environmental Research Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on December 17, 2024, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Petroleum Environmental Research Forum (“PERF”) 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, Project Navigator, Ltd. (A Verdantas Company), Tustin, CA, has become 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 PERF intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 10, 1986, PERF 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 March 14, 1986 (51 FR 8903).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 15, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(h) of the Act on October 11, 2024 (89 FR 82632).

Suzanne Morris,

Deputy Director Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA–1449]

Importer of Controlled Substances Application: Vici Health Sciences, LLC

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Vici Health Sciences, LLC has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to Supplementary Information listed below for further drug information.

DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and

applicants, therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before February 27, 2025. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before February 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on October 4, 2024, Vici Health Sciences, LLC, 6655 Amberton Drive, Suite O, Elkridge, Maryland 21075–6202 applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Fentanyl-related compounds as defined in 21 CFR 1308.11(h)	9850	I

The company plans to import the listed controlled substance as part of a manufacturing process supporting research and clinical trial efforts. No other activity for this drug code is authorized for this registration.

Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant’s business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of Food and Drug

Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Matthew Strait,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA–1454]

Importer of Controlled Substances Application: Aveva Drug Delivery Systems, Inc.

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Aveva Drug Delivery Systems, Inc. has applied to be registered as an importer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to Supplementary Information listed below for further drug information.

DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants, therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before February 27, 2025. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before February 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment. All requests for a hearing must be sent to: (1) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Hearing Clerk/OALJ, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; and (2) Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152. All requests for a hearing should also be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attn: Administrator, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34(a), this is notice that on October 9, 2024, Aveva Drug Delivery Systems, Inc., 3250 Commerce Parkway, Miramar, Florida 33025–3907, applied to be registered as an importer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Thebaine	9333	II

The company plans to import the listed controlled substance for analytical purposes only. No other activity for this drug code is authorized for this registration.

Approval of permit applications will occur only when the registrant's business activity is consistent with what is authorized under 21 U.S.C. 952(a)(2). Authorization will not extend to the import of Food and Drug Administration-approved or non-approved finished dosage forms for commercial sale.

Matthew Strait,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–25–0002; NARA–2025–014]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

DATES: We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by March 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-25-0002/document>.

This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). You may submit comments by the following method:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for comment. Each schedule has a 'comment' button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

If you are unable to comment via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), you may email us at

request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule's entry in the list at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Richardson, Strategy and Performance Division, by email at regulation_comments@nara.gov or at 301–837–2902. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at request.schedule@nara.gov or by phone at 301–837–1799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule.

We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) docket for this notice as "other" documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) portal, you may contact request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments,

we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on *regulations.gov* a “Consolidated Reply” summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Vaccine Bank Records (DAA-0463-2024-0007).
2. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Records of Director Operational Test and Evaluation (DAA-0330-2024-0003).
3. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA Data Mart and Data Lakehouse (DAA-0512-2025-0001).
4. Department of Justice, Office of Access to Justice, Civil Legal Empowerment Access and Reentry Project Files (DAA-0060-2024-0019).
5. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, FAA Real Estate and Asset Management System (DAA-0237-2023-0010).

William P. Fischer,

Acting Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government.

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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 Grant Performance Report Forms

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 Grant Performance Report Forms. 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 30, 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 grants and cooperative agreements, IMLS uses standardized application forms, guidelines, and reporting forms for eligible libraries, museums, and other organizations to apply for its funding and to report on performance of funded projects. The forms submitted for public review in this Notice are the Interim Performance Report and the Final Performance Report, with the instructions associated with each one. The collection of information using these forms is core to IMLS grant performance reporting requirements and monitoring processes.

This action is to renew the content, forms, and instructions for the next three years.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: 2025–2027 Grant Performance Report Forms.

OMB Control Number: 3137–0100.

Agency Number: 3137.

Respondents/Affected Public: Library and Museum grant program awardees.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1200.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 12.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 14,400.

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$482,688.

Total Annual Federal Costs: \$103,200.

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 23, 2025.

Suzanne Mbollo,

Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–

463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (13883) (Virtual).

Date and Time: February 25, 2025; 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Members and the public may attend this virtual meeting via Zoom.

Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the AC website at: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>.

The link for registration for Zoom is: https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_ihbu7M8uTYG1GQjf0F6YHw.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Daniel Fabrycky, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite W 9176, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone: 703–292–8490.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. To prepare the annual report.

Agenda: To provide advice and recommendations to the NSF, NASA and DOE on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies. To prepare the annual report.

Dated: January 22, 2025

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 2025–01779 Filed 1–27–25; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (#84684) (Hybrid).

Date and Time: February 24, 2025; 12 p.m.–4 p.m. (eastern).

Place: NSF, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Hybrid).

The meeting will be hybrid, with some Advisory Committee members participating in person and others participating virtually. Members of the public can view the meeting virtually. To attend the virtual meeting, please send your request for the virtual meeting link to the following email: afenzel@nsf.gov.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Persons: Chaitanya Baru, Senior Advisor, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone: (703) 292–8050.

Additional meeting information, an updated agenda, and registration information will be posted on the AC's website at <https://new.nsf.gov/tip/tip-advisory-committee>.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice to the National Science Foundation concerning the implementation of the provisions of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, Public Law 117–167, pertaining to the Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP), along with other related policies and activities of the Foundation.

Agenda

Monday, February 24, 2025

- Welcome and overview of the TIP Advisory Committee's charge
- Introduction to TIP, including current portfolio of investments and partnerships
- Strategic recommendations for TIP
- Next steps and closing remarks

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 2025–01780 Filed 1–27–25; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; DUE Project Data Form

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: 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:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: DUE Project Data Form.

OMB Control No.: 3145-0201.

Abstract: The Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) Project Data Form is a component of all grant proposals submitted to NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education. This form collects information needed to direct proposals to appropriate reviewers and to report the estimated collective impact of proposed projects on institutions, students, and faculty members. Requested information includes the discipline of the proposed project, collaborating organizations involved in the project, the academic level on which the project focuses (e.g., lower-level undergraduate courses, upper-level undergraduate courses), characteristics of the organization submitting the proposal, special audiences (if any) that the project would target (e.g., women, underrepresented minorities, persons

with disabilities), strategic foci (if any) of the project (e.g., research on teaching and learning, international activities, integration of research and education), and the number of students and faculty at different educational levels who would benefit from the project.

Respondents: Investigators who submit proposals to NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 2,550.

Burden on the Public: 20 minutes (per response) for an annual total of 850 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-0925; NRC-2023-0087]

Cimarron Environmental Response Trust; Cimarron Facility; License Amendment Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed an application by Cimarron Environmental Response Trust (CERT) for amendment of Special Nuclear Material (SNM) License No. SNM-928 which authorizes the possession of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material. This amendment incorporates CERT's proposed revised decommissioning plan into the license.

DATES: The license amendment was issued on December 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-0087 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2023-0087. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Smith, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6103; email: James.Smith@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated October 7, 2022, Cimarron Environmental Response Trust (CERT) submitted to the NRC an application (ADAMS Accession No. ML22284A145) to amend Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-928, which authorizes the possession of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material. The amendment requests approval of Revision 3 of the proposed facility decommissioning plan (DP) for the Cimarron facility in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and incorporation of DP, Revision 3, into its license, by license amendment. Revision 3 of the DP details the active groundwater remediation plans that specifically target areas for groundwater

remediation where the concentration of uranium in groundwater exceeds the NRC criterion in License Condition 27.b. for unrestricted release. In addition, this amendment also revises the license to authorize the possession of Technetium-99 (TC-99) as a contaminant in groundwater, and to distinguish between the possession limit for “in-process” Uranium-235 (U-235) and U-235 in packaged waste that complies with fissile exemption criteria. The license amendment also clarifies the authorized place of use to include subsurface areas where the groundwater exceeds the NRC criterion, and areas where such licensed material will be transported or managed.

After receiving the application, the NRC published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene, and in accordance with section 20.1405 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), requested comments (88 FR 33932). No comments or request for a hearing were submitted. Prior to issuing the amendment (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML24339A701), the NRC performed a review of the application with the determination documented in the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) (ADAMS Accession No. ML24264A155). The NRC also issued an environmental review of the application and published a **Federal Register** notice of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (89 FR 103880).

Upon completing its review of the application, the staff determined the request complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, as well as the NRC’s rules and regulations. The NRC approved and issued Amendment 22 to SNM-928, held by CERT to incorporate the DP, Revision 3, into the CERT license. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.106(a)(1), the NRC is providing notice of the action taken. Amendment 22 was effective as of the date of issuance, December 22, 2024.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Randolph Von Till,

Chief, Uranium Recovery and Materials Decommissioning Branch, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2025–1147 and K2025–1147; MC2025–1148 and K2025–1148; MC2025–1149 and K2025–1149; MC2025–1150 and K2025–1150]

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 30, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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.

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).*: MC2025–1147 and K2025–1147; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 598 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 22, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Jennaca Upperman; *Comments Due*: January 30, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s).*: MC2025–1148 and K2025–1148; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1320 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 22, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*:

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).

Elsie Lee-Robbins; *Comments Due:* January 30, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s):* MC2025–1149 and K2025–1149; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 599 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* January 22, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* January 30, 2025.

4. *Docket No(s):* MC2025–1150 and K2025–1150; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 600 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* January 22, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due:* January 30, 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. ACR2024; Order No. 8652]

Postal Service Performance Report and Performance Plan

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 30, 2024, the Postal Service filed the FY 2024 Performance Report and FY 2025 Performance Plan with its FY 2024 Annual Compliance Report. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES:

Comments are due: March 14, 2025.
Reply Comments are due: March 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

Each year the Postal Service must submit to the Commission its most recent annual performance plan and annual performance report.¹ On December 30, 2024, the Postal Service filed its FY 2024 *Annual Report to Congress* in Docket No. ACR2024.² The FY 2024 *Annual Report* consists of four reports that include the Postal Service's FY 2024 annual performance report (FY 2024 Report) and FY 2025 annual performance plan (FY 2025 Plan).³

The FY 2025 Plan reviews the Postal Service's plans for FY 2025. The FY 2024 Report discusses the Postal Service's progress during FY 2024 toward its four performance goals:

- High-Quality Service
- Excellent Customer Experience
- Safe Workplace and Engaged Workforce
- Financial Health

Each year, the Commission must evaluate whether the Postal Service met the performance goals established in the annual performance plan and annual performance report. 39 U.S.C. 3653(d). The Commission may also “provide recommendations to the Postal Service related to the protection or promotion of public policy objectives set out in” Title 39. *Id.*

Since Docket No. ACR2013, the Commission has evaluated whether the Postal Service met its performance goals in reports separate from the *Annual Compliance Determination*.⁴ The

¹ 39 U.S.C. 3652(g)(2) and (3); 39 CFR 3050.43(b)(2) and (3).

² United States Postal Service Fiscal Year 2024 *Annual Report to Congress*, Library Reference USPS–FY24–17, December 30, 2024, ZIP folder “USPS–FY24–17.ARC.Files,” file “FY 2024 Annual Report_Final.pdf” (FY 2024 *Annual Report*).

³ FY 2024 *Annual Report* at 38–59. The FY 2024 *Annual Report* also includes the Postal Service's FY 2024 *Annual Report* and FY 2024 Comprehensive Statement on Postal Service Operations. *Id.* at 2.

⁴ See Docket No. ACR2013, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Review of Postal Service FY 2013 Performance Report and FY 2014 Performance Plan*, July 7, 2014; Docket No. ACR2014, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2014 Program Performance Report and FY 2015 Performance Plan*, July 7, 2015; Docket No. ACR2015, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and FY 2016 Performance Plan*, May 4, 2016; Docket No. ACR2016, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and FY 2017*

Commission continues this current practice to provide a more in-depth analysis of the Postal Service's progress toward meeting its performance goals and plans to improve performance in future years. To facilitate this review, the Commission invites public comment on the following issues:

- Did the Postal Service meet its performance goals in FY 2024?
- Do the FY 2024 Report and the FY 2025 Plan meet applicable statutory requirements, including 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 2804?
- What recommendations should the Commission provide to the Postal Service that relate to protecting or promoting public policy objectives in Title 39?
- For the Excellent Customer Experience performance goal, are there any customer experience (CX) metrics the Postal Service should add to measure CX?⁵
- What recommendations or observations should the Commission make concerning the Postal Service's strategic initiatives?⁶
- What other matters are relevant to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2024 Report and the FY 2025 Plan under 39 U.S.C. 3653(d)?

II. Request for Comments

Comments by interested persons are due no later than March 14, 2025. Reply comments are due no later than March 28, 2025. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Kenneth R. Moeller is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding with respect to

Performance Plan, April 27, 2017; Docket No. ACR2017, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2017 Annual Performance Report and FY 2018 Performance Plan*, April 26, 2018; Docket No. ACR2018, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2018 Annual Performance Report and FY 2019 Performance Plan*, May 13, 2019; Docket No. ACR2019, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2019 Annual Performance Report and FY 2020 Performance Plan*, June 1, 2020; Docket No. ACR2020, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2020 Annual Performance Report and FY 2021 Performance Plan*, June 2, 2021; Docket No. ACR2021, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2021 Annual Performance Report and FY 2022 Performance Plan*, June 30, 2022; Docket No. ACR2022, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2022 Annual Performance Report and FY 2023 Performance Plan*, June 28, 2023; Docket No. ACR2023, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2023 Annual Performance Report and FY 2024 Performance Plan*, July 2, 2024.

⁵ In FY 2024, the Postal Service measured CX based on customer surveys. See Docket No. ACR2024, Library Reference USPS–FY24–38, December 30, 2024, folder USPS–FY24–38, folder “Customer Surveys,” file “CXMA_Annual Compliance Review_Surveys_FY24.docx.”

⁶ See FY 2024 *Annual Report* at 58–59.

issues related to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2024 Report and the FY 2025 Plan.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission invites public comment on the Postal Service's FY 2024 Report and FY 2025 Plan.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding with respect to issues related to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2024 Report and the FY 2025 Plan.

3. Comments are due no later than March 14, 2025.

4. Reply comments are due no later than March 28, 2025.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35454; File No. 812-15586]

Pearl Diver Credit Company Inc., et al.

January 22, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC").

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of application for an order ("Order") under section 17(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit closed-end management investment companies to co-invest in portfolio companies with each other and with certain affiliated investment entities.

APPLICANTS: Pearl Diver Credit Company Inc., Pearl Diver Capital LLP, Pearl Diver Nautilus Master Fund LP, Pearl Diver Nautilus Series 2023 LP, Pearl Diver Nautilus Series 2024 LP, PDC Opportunities IX LP, PDC Opportunities VIII LP, and Pearl Diver Floating Rate Global Income Master Fund.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on June 7, 2024 and amended on September 9, 2024, and December 16, 2024.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 17, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission's Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: Thomas Harman, Esq., thomas.harman@morganlewis.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Easter Guidroz, Senior Counsel, or Lisa Reid Ragen, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants' representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants' second amended and restated application, dated December 16, 2024, which may be obtained via the Commission's website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC's EDGAR system. The SEC's EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch>. You may also call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102255; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2025-003]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rulefilings>, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-NASDAQ-2025-003.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule

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.

change is consistent with the Act.⁵ 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-NASDAQ-2025-003) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–NASDAQ–2025–003 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–NASDAQ–2025–003. 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-NASDAQ-2025-003). 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–NASDAQ–2025–003 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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⁵ 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 SRO.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102258; File No. SR–CboeEDGX–2025–001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Permit TPHs To Opt Out of Systematic Adjustment of AIM Auction Price if Outside of NBBO Upon Receipt

January 22, 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 EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “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

The Exchange proposed to amend its rules regarding the simple and complex Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”) to permit TPHs to opt out of the systematic adjustment of the auction price if that price is outside the NBBO upon receipt by the Exchange's System.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/edgx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/selfregulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CboeEDGX-2025-001.

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.

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.⁵ 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-CboeEDGX-2025-001) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–CboeEDGX–2025–001 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–CboeEDGX–2025–001. 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-CboeEDGX-2025-001). 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–CboeEDGX–2025–001 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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⁵ 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.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102261; File No. SR–MRX–2025–04]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq MRX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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 16, 2025, Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“MRX” or “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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/mrx/rulefilings>, and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MRX-2025-04.

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.

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-MRX-2025-04) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–MRX–2025–04 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–MRX–2025–04. 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-MRX-2025-04). 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–MRX–2025–04 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102260; File No. SR–ISE–2025–03]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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 10, 2025, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE” or “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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/ise/rulefilings>, and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-ISE-2025-03.

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.⁵ 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-ISE-2025-03) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–ISE–2025–03 on the subject

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 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 SRO.

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 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

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–ISE–2025–03. 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-ISE-2025-03). 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–ISE–2025–03 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102259; File No. SR–CBOE–2025–002]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Permit TPHs To Opt Out of Systematic Adjustment of AIM Auction Price if Outside of NBBO Upon Receipt

January 22, 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 Exchange, Inc. (the “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

The Exchange proposed to amend its rules regarding the simple and complex Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”) to permit TPHs to opt out of the systematic adjustment of the auction price if that price is outside the NBBO upon receipt by the Exchange's System.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/office_filings/cone/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/selfregulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOE-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.⁵ 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-CBOE-2025-002) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–CBOE–2025–002 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC

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 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.

20549–1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR–CBOE–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-CBOE-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–CBOE–2025–002 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–475, OMB Control No. 3235–0536]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Regulation FD—Other Disclosure Materials

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Regulation FD (17 CFR 243.100 *et seq.*) requires public disclosure of material information from issuers of publicly traded securities so that investors have current information upon which to base investment decisions. The purpose of the regulation is to require: (1) an issuer that intentionally discloses material information, to do so through

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

public disclosure, not selective disclosure; and (2) to make prompt public disclosure of material information that was unintentionally selectively disclosed. We estimate that approximately 7,196 issuers make Regulation FD disclosures approximately five times a year for a total of 19,274 responses annually (after excluding the approximately 16,706 Form 8-K filings that are made annually to comply with Regulation FD). We estimate that it takes 5 hours per response for a total burden of 96,370 hours annually (19,274 responses × 5 hours). In addition, we estimate that 75% of the 5 hours per response (3.75 hours) is carried internally by the filer for an annual reporting burden of 72,278 hours (3.75 hours per response × 19,274 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication by March 31, 2025.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comment to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102253; File No. SR-BX-2025-003]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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, Nasdaq BX, Inc. ("BX" or "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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/bx/rulefilings>, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-BX-2025-003.

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.⁵ 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-BX-2025-003) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-BX-2025-003 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-BX-2025-003. 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-BX-2025-003). 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-BX-2025-003 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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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 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 SRO.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102256; File No. SR–Phlx–2025–02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rulefilings>, and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-Phlx-2025-02.

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.⁵ 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-Phlx-2025-02) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–Phlx–2025–02 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–Phlx–2025–02. 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-Phlx-2025-02). 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–Phlx–2025–02 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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[Release No. 34–102262; File No. SR–GEMX–2025–04]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish Fees for Its Expanded Co-Location Services

January 22, 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 16, 2025, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX” or “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

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for its expanded co-location services.

The proposed rule change, including the Exchange’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rulefilings>, and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-GEMX-2025-04.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule

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 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 SRO.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).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.

change is consistent with the Act.⁵ 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-GEMX-2025-04) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-GEMX-2025-04 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-GEMX-2025-04. 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-GEMX-2025-04). 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-GEMX-2025-04 and should be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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⁵ 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 SRO.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 04/04-0324; License No. 04/04-0325]

Plexus Fund III, L.P., Plexus Fund QP III, L.P.; Surrender of License of Small Business Investment Companies

Pursuant to the authority granted to the United States Small Business Administration under section 309 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, and 13 CFR 107.1900 of the Code of Federal Regulations to function as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Company License Nos. 04/04-0324 and 04/04-0325 issued to Plexus Fund III, L.P. and Plexus Fund QP III, L.P., respectively, said licenses are hereby declared null and void.

Thomas Morris,

Director, Patient Capital Investments, Office of Investment and Innovation, United States Small Business Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0148]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Fractional Aircraft Ownership Programs

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. Fractional Ownership is a program that offers increased flexibility in aircraft ownership. Owners purchase shares of an aircraft and agree to share their aircraft with others having an ownership share in that same aircraft. Owners agree to put their aircraft into a "pool" of other shared aircraft and to lease their aircraft to another owner in that pool. This collection is necessary to ensure compliance with relevant safety regulations.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By mail: Christopher Morris, Flight Standards Service, General Aviation and Commercial Division, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591.

By email: chris.morris@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Attebury by email at: john.h.attebury@faa.gov; phone: 281-929-7078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0684.

Title: Fractional Aircraft Ownership Programs.

Form Numbers: There are no FAA forms associated with this collection.

Type of Review: This is a renewal of an existing information collection.

Background: Each fractional ownership program manager and each fractional owner must comply with the requirements of 14 CFR part 91, subpart K. Information is used to determine if these entities are operating in accordance with the minimum safety standards of these regulations. The FAA will use the information it reviews and collects to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and make improvements as needed, and ensure compliance with and adherence to regulations.

Respondents: Eleven fractional ownership operators with 1,187 aircraft.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Approximately 18,000 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 23, 2025.

D.C. Morris,

Aviation Safety Analyst, Flight Standards Service, General Aviation and Commercial Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****[Docket Number: FAA–2025–0119]****Agency Information Collection****Activities: Requests for Comments;
Clearance of a Renewed Approval of
Information Collection: Pilot Records
Improvement Act of 1996/Pilot Record
Database****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection involves two distinct methods of collecting. The first method of collecting uses the traditional paper/hardcopy forms which is limited in scope. The second method is more expansive and uses online web-based forms or Application Programming Interface (API) upload functionality. The information can then be shared with a potential employer to aid them in their hiring decision-making process. The information collected can be release to a hiring employer by the pilot. Disclosure of their information is not possible unless the pilot first authorizes the release. The information to be collected will be used to and/or is necessary because before allowing an individual to begin service as a pilot, and air carrier or operator shall receive and evaluate all relevant information pertaining to the individual.

On November 21, 2024, the FAA published the final rule *Integration of Powered-Lift: Pilot Certification and Operations; Miscellaneous Amendments Related to Rotorcraft and Airplanes* (89 FR 92296). That rulemaking action will result in four additional operators and 171 additional pilots subject to the requirements of the Pilot Records Database. In the final rule, the FAA neglected to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on that increased burden. The FAA is publishing this notice to remedy that oversight.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by March 31, 2025.**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By mail: FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION, ATTN: Automation

Systems Management Group, AFS–950
(PRD/PRIA), P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma
City, OK 73125–0082.

By fax: 405–954–4655.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Justin Eddleman by email at:
justin.eddleman@faa.gov; prdsupport@faa.gov; phone: 405–954–4173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0607

Title: Pilot Records Improvement Act
of 1996/Pilot Record Database

Form Numbers:

FAA FORM 8060–11 AIR CARRIER
AND OTHER RECORDS REQUEST
(PRIA)

FAA FORM 8060–11A AIRMAN
NOTICE AND RIGHT TO RECEIVE
COPY—AIR CARRIER AND OTHER
RECORDS (PRIA)

FAA FORM 8060–12 AUTHORIZATION
FOR RELEASE OF DOT DRUG AND
ALCOHOL TESTING RECORDS
UNDER PRIA AND MAINTAINED
UNDER TITLE 49 CODE OF
FEDERAL REGULATIONS (49 CFR)
PART 40

FAA FORM 8060–13 NATIONAL
DRIVER REGISTER RECORDS
REQUEST (PRIA)

FAA FORM 8060–14 PILOT CONSENT/
REVOCATION FOR AIR CARRIER
ACCESS TO PILOT RECORDS
DATABASE

FAA FORM 8060–15 PILOT RECORDS
DATABASE PILOT RECORDS
DISPUTE SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION

Web Based Forms & API Upload:

- #1: Drug and Alcohol records reporting
- #2: Training, qualification, and proficiency records reporting
- #3: Final Disciplinary Action records reporting
- #4: NDR records reporting
- #5: Date of Hire reporting
- #6: Assignment to Duty records reporting
- #7: Date of Separation reporting
- #8: Employment History records reporting
- #10: Pilot Consent form

Type of Review: Renewal of an
information collection.

Background: The Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996 (PRIA) as amended, was enacted to ensure that part 121, 125 and 135 air carriers and air operators adequately investigate a pilot's background before allowing that pilot to conduct commercial air carrier flights for their company. Under PRIA, a hiring employer cannot place a pilot into service until they obtain, review and approve the pilot's background and other safety-related records for the past 5 year period as specified in PRIA. The FAA information disclosed under PRIA are medical and airman certificate verifications and any closed enforcement and revocation data. The air carrier information disclosed under PRIA are those concerning pilot performance and training, disciplinary and removal from service, and drug and alcohol testing records. Records from the Department of Motor Vehicles of any particular State would include records of drug and alcohol convictions. Other records collections such as financial statements, fingerprints and failed check rides may be requested and received but they are outside the purview and scope of PRIA and would be requested using other vehicles than the PRIA forms. PRIA request forms can be received by fax or mail; however, the most common method is by email attachment, one pilot/applicant per one form. As set forth in 49 U.S.C. 44703(i)(1), under the Pilot Records Database (PRD), a hiring employer cannot place a pilot into service until the employer has evaluate all the relevant information in the PRD. PRD relies on a digital and centralized repository containing the pilot information. It also expands on the types of operators that must participate in the sharing of information than that of PRIA. The following official FAA-Records about a pilot are collected; airman certificates and associated ratings, accident and incident information, enforcement information, and drug and alcohol testing. There is also industry collected information about pilots which include; training, qualification, and proficiency Records, final disciplinary records, employment history, and the Motor Vehicle Driving record evaluation date. The PRD facilitates the sharing of pilot records among pilot employers in a clearinghouse managed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In accordance with part 111, all 14 CFR part 121, 125, 135 certificate holders, 91K operators, air tour operators, and other specific entities operating under part 91 are required to access the PRD

to either evaluate a pilot candidate prior to making a hiring decision or to report records. The PRD contains employer and FAA records on an individual's performance as a pilot for the life of the individual. Records contained within the database would only be permitted to be used as a hiring aid in an operator's decision-making process for pilot employment. The pilot has full control of who they release their PRD information to and for how long. Disclosure of their information can only be initiated by the pilot.

Respondents: Regarding PRIA, the PRIA representative at each part 121, 125 and 135 air carrier is responsible for completing, forwarding, receiving and providing the air carrier with the completed PRIA report so the air carrier can make a more informed hiring decision concerning each pilot/applicant. One complete PRIA package is required for every pilot/applicant. As of December 7, 2021, the FAA no longer processes PRIA requests via Form 8060–10, as this function became available through PRD. Prior to December 7, 2021, the FAA processes approximately 24,120 PRIA packages per year from respondents. Regarding PRD, the PRD representative at each certificate holder operating under part 121, 125, 135, 91K operators, air tour operators, and other specific entities operating under part 91 is responsible for completing and submitting the PRD employer records to PRD, for each pilot, through the Web based forms or API. Pilots who hold commercial, airline transport, or remote pilot certificates can access PRD and complete web-based forms concerning Employment History records reporting (#8) and Pilot Consent form (#10). If the pilot is unable to access the PRD, the pilot can submit hardcopies of FAA Forms 8060–14 and 8060–15 to prdsupport@faa.gov for processing by the FAA on their behalf. The FAA processes approximately 1,853 FAA forms 8060–14 and five FAA forms 8060–15 per year from respondents.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 0.07181 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 385,367.92 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 23, 2025.

D.C. Morris,

Aviation Safety Analyst, Flight Standards Service, General Aviation and Commercial Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID Number: DOT–OST–2014–0031]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Agency Request for Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Airline Service Quality Performance—Part 234

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces DOT's intention to renew Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 2138–0041 covering Airline Service Quality Performance On-time Performance and Mishandled Baggage reports that the largest U.S. air carriers file with DOT.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 27, 2025. Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. (You may access comments received for this notice at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching docket DOT–OST–2014–0031.)

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

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Robinson, Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, OST–R, BTS,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, Telephone Number (202) 893–0515 (voice), Fax Number (202) 366–3383 or Email cecelia.robinson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOT collects information regarding flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchairs, and scooters from the largest U.S. air carriers under 14 CFR part 234. The air carriers required to provide this information to DOT consist of the U.S. air carriers that accounted for at least half of one percent of domestic scheduled-passenger revenues (Reporting Carriers) as most recently determined by the DOT's Office of Airline Information. An air carrier that is not a Reporting Carrier may voluntarily submit the flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchairs, and scooters information to the Department pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Specifically, Reporting Carriers must submit Part 234 On-time Performance reports to DOT with information on domestic flight operations and performance as described in 14 CFR 234.4.¹ In addition, under 14 CFR 234.6, Reporting Carriers must submit Part 234 Mishandled Baggage reports to DOT that include the following information for covered domestic flights: (1) the number of bags mishandled in its custody, (2) the number of bags enplaned into the aircraft cargo compartment, (3) the number of mishandled wheelchairs and scooters mishandled in its custody, and (4) the number of wheelchairs and scooters enplaned into the aircraft cargo compartment.² Each Reporting Carrier is required to report the flight performance and mishandled baggage, wheelchair, and scooter information to DOT on a monthly basis for the covered flights it operates and for any covered flights held out under the Reporting Carrier's code (as the only U.S. carrier code) and operated by a codeshare partner of the Reporting Carrier.

DOT uses the information reported by airlines to provide airline performance information and statistics on the BTS

¹ The format and instructions for reporting this information are in Technical Reporting Directive #27—On-Time Performance, effective January 1, 2018, available at: <https://cms7.bts.dot.gov/sites/bts.dot.gov/files/docs/explore-topics-and-geography/topics/airlines-and-airports/207741/technical-directive-no-27-time-2018.pdf>.

² The format and instructions for reporting mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT are in Technical Reporting Directive #30A—Mishandled Baggage and Wheelchairs and Scooters (Amended), effective January 1, 2019, available at: <https://www.bts.dot.gov/sites/bts.dot.gov/files/docs/explore-topics-and-geography/topics/airlines-and-airports/224606/technicaldirective30abaggage2019amended.pdf>.

website and in the Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR), a monthly publication of DOT's Office of Aviation Consumer Protection (OACP). Air transportation consumers and other stakeholders use the information DOT publishes to understand and compare airlines' service quality performance, including airlines' rates of on-time performance and cancellation and rates of baggage and wheelchair and scooter mishandling.

DOT's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) uses data reported by airlines in Part 234 On-time Performance reports to analyze air traffic delays. Wheels-up and wheels-down times are used by the FAA in conjunction with departure and arrival times to show the extent of ground delays. Actual elapsed flight time (wheels-down minus wheels-up time) is compared by the FAA to scheduled elapsed flight time to identify airborne delays. The reporting of the aircraft tail number allows the FAA to track an aircraft through the air network, which enables the FAA to study the ripple effects of delays at hub airports. The data can be analyzed by the FAA for airport design changes, new equipment purchases, and the planning of new runways or airports based on current and projected airport delays and traffic levels. The identification of the reason for delays allows the FAA, airport operators, and air carriers to pinpoint delays under their control.

DOT is publishing this notice to announce its intent to request extension of the previously approved information collections described above under OMB Control Number 2138-0041. Without further action, OMB authorization of the information collections would expire March 25, 2025.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to monetary penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

For each of these information collections, the title, a description of the

respondents, and an estimate of the annual recordkeeping and periodic reporting burden are set forth below.

1. Airline Service Quality Performance Reports—Part 234 On-Time Performance

Respondents: Certificated air carriers that account for at least half of one percent of the domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues are required to report flight performance data for flights that they operate as described in 14 CFR 234.4; Certificated air carriers that account for at least half of one percent of domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues that market code-share flights carrying the carrier's code as the only U.S. carrier code are required to report flight performance data for these code-share flights as described in 14 CFR 234.4; Air carriers may voluntarily report flight performance data pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 air carriers (4 of which market codeshare flights).

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 10 hours for each respondent to report for the flights operated by the respondent plus an additional 16 hours if the respondent reports for flights operated by code-share partners.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,568 hours (15 air carriers reporting the flight performance information for the flights they operate \times 10 hours per response \times 12 months = 1,800 hours) + (4 air carriers reporting the flight performance information for flights operated by their codeshare partners \times 16 hours per response \times 12 months = 768 hours). This estimate is based on the following information: 15 carriers reported the flight performance data for the flights they operated to DOT in calendar year 2019, 2020, and 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Currently, 4 carriers report flight performance data to DOT for their codeshare operations.

DOT estimates that respondents will encounter on average a 10-hour burden per month to report flight performance data to DOT for the flights they operate. DOT estimates the respondents that market codeshare flights will encounter on average an additional burden of 16 hours per month to report flight performance data to DOT for their codeshare operations. The burden estimates include staff time to manage and process the data and to submit the report through DOT's electronic submission system.

2. Airline Service Quality Performance Reports—Part 234 Mishandled Baggage

Respondents: Certificated air carriers that account for at least half of one percent of the domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues are required to report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data for flights that they operate as described in 14 CFR 234.6; Certificated air carriers that account for at least half of one percent of domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues that market code-share flights carrying the carrier's code as the only U.S. carrier code are required to report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data for these code-share flights as described in 14 CFR 234.6; Air carriers may voluntarily report mishandled baggage and wheelchairs and scooters data pursuant to 14 CFR 234.7.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 air carriers (4 that market codeshare flights).

Frequency: Monthly.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 10 hours for each respondent to report for the flights operated by the respondent plus an additional 16 hours if the respondent reports for flights operated by code-share partners.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,568 hours (15 air carriers reporting the mishandled baggage and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters information for flights they operate \times 10 hours per response \times 12 months = 1,800 hours) + (4 air carriers reporting the mishandled baggage and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters information for flights operated by their codeshare partners \times 16 hours per response \times 12 months = 768 hours) + (.00138 hours for manual data entry related to wheelchair or scooters \times 12,000 manual entries = 17 hours). This estimate is based on the following information: 17 carriers reported mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT in calendar year 2019, 2020, and 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024. Currently, 4 carriers report mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter information to DOT for their codeshare operations.

DOT estimates that respondents will encounter on average 10-hours burden per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for the flights they operate. DOT estimates that respondents that market codeshare flights will encounter on average an additional burden of 16 hours per month to report the mishandled baggage and wheelchair and scooter data to DOT for their codeshare operations. The burden estimates include staff time to manage and

process the data and to submit the report through DOT's electronic submission system.

In addition, the estimated total annual burden is based on the assumption that most respondents employ automated processes to record that an item enplaned is a wheelchair or scooter for the purposes of reporting data on wheelchairs and scooters to DOT. For a carrier that manually records this information, such as by having their agent type information describing a wheelchair or scooter into the airline's system, DOT estimates that the airline would spend approximately 5 seconds (.00138 hours) per item to manually enter the data.³ DOT estimates that 12,000 Wheelchairs and scooters total are recorded manually per year.

Administrative Issues

The *Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002* (44 U.S.C. 3501) requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in

³ The Final Rule to Amend Rules Requiring Reporting of Mishandled Baggage, Regulatory Impact Analysis, October 18, 2016, estimated a data entry burden of 5 seconds per wheelchair or scooter recorded manually. See Docket No. RITA-2011-0001.

regulatory and other administrative matters.

Comments Invited

We invite comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOT, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record on the docket.

Issued this 21st day of January 2025, at Washington, DC.

Rolf Schmitt,

Acting Director, Office of Airline Information, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of this person are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with this person.

DATES: This action was issued on January 17, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On January 17, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following person are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Entity

1. YEMEN KUWAIT BANK FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT Y.S.C (Arabic: بنك اليمن والكويت للتجارة والاستثمار ش.م.ي. (a.k.a. YEMEN KUWAIT BANK FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT), YKB Building, Al Zubairi St, Sana'a, Yemen; Aden, Yemen; Taiz, Yemen; Hodeida, Yemen; Al Mukalla, Yemen; SWIFT/BIC YKBAYESA; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 01 Jan 1977; Target Type Financial Institution; Registration Number 342/21 (Yemen) [SDGT] (Linked To: ANSARALLAH).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(C) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism," 66 FR 49079, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, "Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism," 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended), for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, ANSARALLAH, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

Lisa M. Palluconi,
Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets
Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Collection Activities; Requesting Comments on Form 8906

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8906, Distilled Spirits Credit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 31, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include OMB Control No. 1545-1982 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Jon Callahan, (737) 800-7639, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at jon.r.callahan@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Distilled Spirits Credit.

OMB Number: 1545-1982.

Form Number: Form 8906.

Abstract: Form 8906, Distilled Spirits Credit, was developed to carry out the provisions of IRC section 5011(a). This section allows eligible wholesalers and persons subject to IRC section 5055 an income tax credit for the average cost of carrying excise tax on bottled distilled spirits. The form provides a means for the eligible taxpayer to compute the amount of credit. The burden for this information collection represents estate and trust filers and tax-exempt filers. The burden for individual filers is covered under 1545-0074, and the burden for business filers is covered under 1545-0123.

Current Actions: There is no change to the existing collection. However, the burden for individual filers and business filers is being removed to avoid duplication.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: 5.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour, 52 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to

minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 23, 2025.

Jon R. Callahan,

Senior Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Departmental Offices Information Collection Requests]

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 27, 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:

1. *Title:* Survey of Foreign-Residents’ Holdings of U.S. Securities.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0123.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The survey collects information on foreign resident’s holdings of U.S. securities, including

selected money market instruments. The data is used in the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and U.S. international investment position, in the formulation of U.S. financial and monetary policies, to satisfy 22 U.S.C. 3101, and for information on foreign portfolio investment patterns. Respondents are primarily the largest banks, securities dealers, and issuers of U.S. securities.

Form: SHL/SHLA, Schedules 1 and 2.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 347.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 347.

Estimated Time per Response: 155 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 54,088.

2. *Title:* Survey of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Securities.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0146.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The survey collects information on U.S. holdings of foreign securities. The information is used in the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and international investments position, as well as in the formulation of U.S. financial and monetary policies. This survey is also part of an international effort coordinated by the IMF to improve worldwide balance of payments statistics. Respondents are primarily the largest custodians of securities, banks, securities dealers, and investors.

Form: TIC–SHC/SHCA.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 336.

Frequency of Response: Annual, On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 457.

Estimated Time per Response: 140 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 64,146.

3. *Title:* Treasury International Capital (TIC) Form D: Report of Holdings of, and Transactions in, Financial Derivatives Contracts with Foreign Residents.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0199.

Type of Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: Form D is required by law and is designed to collect timely information on International portfolio capital movements, including U.S.

residents’ holdings of, and transactions in, financial derivatives contracts with foreign residents. The information is used in the computation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and international investment position, as well as in the formulation of U.S. International financial and monetary policies.

Form: TIC Form D.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 124.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,720.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Spencer W. Clark,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; CARES Act Loan and Payroll Support Programs for Air Carriers and Other Eligible Businesses]

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 31, 2025

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Office of Capital Access, Attention: Alex Abawi, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, 1801 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036, or email at CARESACTCompliance@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from the Office of Capital Access by contacting Wenxia Diao at Wenxia.Diao@treasury.gov or 202–622–0128 or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CARES Act Loan and Payroll Support Programs for Air Carriers and Other Eligible Businesses.

OMB Control Number: 1505–0263.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description: On March 27, 2020, the President signed the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” or the “CARES Act” (Pub. L. 116–136), which provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID–19 pandemic, and provides emergency appropriations to support executive branch agency operations during the COVID–19 pandemic. The CARES Act authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to make loans, loan guarantees, and other investments that do not exceed \$500 billion in the aggregate to provide liquidity to eligible businesses, States, and municipalities related to losses incurred as a result of coronavirus. Section 4003(b)(1)–(3) authorized the Secretary to make loans and loan guarantees available to passenger air carriers and cargo air carriers, as well as certain related businesses, and businesses critical to maintaining national security. Section 4112 authorized the Secretary to provide payroll support totaling \$32 billion to air carriers and certain contractors (PSP1). While Treasury is no longer accepting loan program or PSP1 applications, both programs include ongoing compliance reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 or the “Appropriations Act,” which provides additional emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID–19 pandemic. Subtitle A of Title IV of Division N of the Appropriations Act (the PSP Extension Law) authorizes the Secretary to provide financial assistance totaling \$16 billion to passenger air carriers and certain contractors (PSP2).

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021, which provided additional emergency assistance and economic relief in response to the COVID–19 pandemic. Subtitle C of Title VII of the American Rescue Plan Act authorizes the Secretary to provide financial assistance totaling \$15 billion to passenger air carriers and certain contractors that received financial assistance under PSP2 (PSP3).

As part of the loan, PSP1, PSP2, and PSP3 agreements, applicants will need to maintain records for a period of five years or more, depending on the

agreement type and period of performance, as well as submit quarterly compliance reports and other documentation as requested to ensure funding is used in accordance with the agreements, aid statutory reporting requirements, and respond to audit requests.

Form: Applications, Agreements, and associated Forms; Compliance Reporting Forms.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 691.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly; as requested.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 2,764.

Estimated Time per Response: 4.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,747.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Alexander Abawi,

Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Office of Capital Access.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

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 27, 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 Melody Braswell by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 622–1035, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Title: IRS Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

OMB Number: 1545–2250.

Abstract: Surveys conducted under this clearance are used by the Internal Revenue Service to determine levels of customer satisfaction as well as determining issues that contribute to customer burden. This information will be used to make quality improvements to products and services. Collecting, analyzing, and using customer opinion data is a vital component of IRS’s Balanced Measures Approach, as mandated by Internal Revenue Service Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 and Executive Order 12862.

Current Actions: This is a renewal request. There are currently no changes planned. Any updates will be included with the submission package. It is estimated that 60,000 burden hours will be used over the course of the next three years.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses, and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Responses: 118,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,913.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Melody Braswell,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0764]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients—Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS)

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by February 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments,” then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0764.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients—Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS) (VA Form 10–10070).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0764.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The mission of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is to provide high quality medical and dental care to eligible veterans. Executive

Order 12862, dated September 11, 1993, calls for the establishment and implementation of customer service standards, and for agencies to “survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with current services.” The overall purpose of the Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS) is to systematically obtain information from patients, which can be used to identify problems or complaints that need attention and to improve the quality of dental health care services.

This information will be collected through the DPSS, VA Form 10–10070, and may be submitted either on paper or electronically by Veterans. The DPSS questions have minor changes, to include updates to the Race and Ethnicity data collection fields to reflect current requirements. VHA also is prepared to implement an additional mode of collecting the information utilizing a web-based access system for Veterans to submit the survey responses. Information obtained from this dental survey will be made readily available to VA Central Office (VACO), Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), VHA field staff, and stakeholders as part of the Network Performance Report and via the VA Intranet. This data will be used to demonstrate that VA is providing timely, high quality dental health care services to patients and to measure improvement toward performance goals.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 92740, November 22, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,400.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Federal Register Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (RR&D) Scientific Merit Review Board (hereinafter, “the Board”) will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, via Webex from 1–1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public, with an open portion from 1–1:10. The closed portion, from 1:10–1:30, will be used for discussion, examination of and reference to the research applications and scientific review. Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also cover the scientific merit of each proposal and the qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92–463 subsection 10(d), and amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA RR&D program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Board members will advise the Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISRM) and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, mission relevance and protection of human and animal subjects of the proposals submitted to RR&D. The Board does not consider grants, contracts or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public may attend the open portion of the meeting via Webex, from 1–1:10 p.m., in listen-only mode, as the time-limited open agenda does

not allow for public comment presentations. To attend the open portion of the meeting, the public may dial the Webex phone number (1-833-558-0712), then enter the meeting access code (2821 247 4138).

Written comments from members of the public should be mailed to Kristy Benton-Grover, Designated Federal Officer, RR&D, Department of Veterans Affairs (14RDR), 810 Vermont Avenue

NW, Washington, DC 20420, or to *Kristy.Benton-Grover@va.gov* at least *five days before the meeting*. The public comments will be shared with the Board members. The public may not attend the closed portion of the meeting as disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92-463 subsection 10(d),

and amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Dated: January 23, 2025.

LaTonya L. Small,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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