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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### 7 CFR Parts 3550 and 3555

[Docket No. RHS-24-SFH-0034]

RIN 0575-AD32

### Updating Manufactured Housing Provisions; Correction

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a final rule on January 3, 2025, to amend the current regulations for the Single Family Housing (SFH) Direct Loan Program and the SFH Guaranteed Loan Program. The March 4, 2025, effective date of that final rule is deferred to May 5, 2025.

**DATES:** Effective March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sonya Evans, Finance & Loan Analyst, SFH Direct Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (423) 268-4333, Email: [sonya.evans@usda.gov](mailto:sonya.evans@usda.gov); Or contact Stephanie Freeman, Finance & Loan Analyst, Policy, Analysis, and Communications Branch, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, Phone: (314) 457-6413, Email: [stephanie.freeman@usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.freeman@usda.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Correction

In FR Doc. 2024-30270 (Docket No. RHS-24-SFH-0034), appearing at 90 FR 199, in the **Federal Register** of January

3, 2025, in the third column on page 199, correct the **DATES** section to read: “**DATES:** Effective May 5, 2025.”

### Angilla Denton,

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2026; Project Identifier AD-2024-00163-E; Amendment 39-22971; AD 2025-04-13]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Engines

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Pratt & Whitney (PW) Model PW1519G, PW1521G, PW1521GA, PW1521G-3, PW1524G, PW1524G-3, PW1525G, PW1525G-3, PW1919G, PW1921G, PW1922G, PW1923G, and PW1923G-A engines with a certain high-pressure compressor (HPC) 7th-stage axial rotor installed. This AD was prompted by an analysis of an event involving an International Aero Engines, LLC (IAE LLC) Model PW1127GA-JM engine, which experienced an HPC 7th-stage integrally bladed rotor (IBR-7) separation that resulted in an aborted takeoff. This AD requires performing initial and repetitive angled ultrasonic inspections (AUSI) of certain HPC 7th-stage axial rotors for cracks and replacing the HPC 7th-stage axial rotors if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

### ADDRESSES:

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2026; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and

5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

### Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For PW material identified in this AD, contact PW, 400 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118; phone: (860) 565-0140; email: [help24@prattwhitney.com](mailto:help24@prattwhitney.com); website: [connect.prattwhitney.com](http://connect.prattwhitney.com).

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2026.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Nguyen, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7655; email: [carol.nguyen@faa.gov](mailto:carol.nguyen@faa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain PW Model PW1519G, PW1521G, PW1521GA, PW1521G-3, PW1524G, PW1524G-3, PW1525G, PW1525G-3, PW1919G, PW1921G, PW1922G, PW1923G, and PW1923G-A engines with a certain high-pressure compressor (HPC) 7th-stage axial rotor installed. This AD was prompted by an analysis of an event involving an International Aero Engines, LLC (IAE LLC) Model PW1127GA-JM engine, which experienced an HPC 7th-stage integrally bladed rotor (IBR-7) separation that resulted in an aborted takeoff. This AD requires performing initial and repetitive angled ultrasonic inspections (AUSI) of certain HPC 7th-stage axial rotors for cracks and replacing the HPC 7th-stage axial rotors if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

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**ADDRESSES:**

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2026; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and

available when those ADs were published. Since that time, PW has developed the AUSI for the HPC 7th-stage axial rotors.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require performing initial and repetitive AUSIs of certain HPC 7th-stage axial rotors for cracks and replacement if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received comments from three commenters. The commenters were the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), PW, and Delta Air Lines, Inc (DAL). ALPA supported the NPRM without change. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

#### Request To Clarify Required Actions for Performing AUSIs

PW and DAL requested that the FAA revise paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of the proposed AD by replacing "in accordance with paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (g)(1)(ii)" to "in accordance with paragraph (g)(1)(i) or (g)(1)(ii)." PW noted that the intent is to perform one step or the other, as applicable. DAL stated that the current language would drive the requirement to perform an AUSI in accordance with the ASBs listed in both paragraphs.

The FAA agrees to update the language in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD as requested.

#### Request To Correct Reference to Service Material

DAL and PW requested that the FAA revise the reference to service material in the proposed AD from "PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024" to "PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024." DAL noted that PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00A-930A-D is an incorrect reference and may cause confusion because it is used for an unrelated issue on PW1500G Model engines.

The FAA agrees that the reference to the service material is incorrect. This AD has been updated as requested.

#### Request To Add Special Instruction to Paragraph (i) of the Proposed AD

PW requested that the FAA add PW Special Instruction (SI) No. 100F-24 Revision TBD, dated TBD to paragraph (i) Credit for Previous Actions of the proposed AD. PW stated that they plan to provide the latest SI No. 100F-24

with the Revision Letter and date of issuance to the FAA prior to final rule issuance. PW also noted that the affected parts included in PW SI No. 100F-24 receive an AUSI scan in production.

The FAA disagrees with the commenter's request to add PW SI No. 100F-24 to paragraph (i) of the AD. The FAA notes that there is no need to provide previous credit to an action that is required at the next piece-part exposure. In addition, the FAA cannot reference a document that has not been issued.

#### Request To Revise Definition of Part Eligible for Installation

DAL and PW requested that the FAA revise paragraph (h)(3) of the proposed AD to include new hardware that has not been service run in the definition for "part eligible for installation." DAL also requested that the FAA add the following language to paragraph (h)(3) of the proposed AD; "(iv) A new zero-time HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, that has passed AUSI per original manufacturing records." PW also requested that the FAA revise paragraph (h)(3) of the proposed AD to read as follows; "(iv) A new zero-time HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, PN 30G5307, that per Pratt & Whitney Special Instruction No. 100F-24 Revision TBD, dated TBD (SI No. 100F-24) received an angle scan at new part production." DAL noted that the global AMOC to AD 2024-06-04 allows for the use of PW SI No. 100F-24 to aid in determining hardware installation eligibility, and a similar approach within the subject AD is required to provide a method of ensuring new zero-time hardware has a record of AUSI accomplishment. PW noted that the parts listed in SI No. 100F-24 receive an AUSI scan in production and should be included in the definition for part eligible for installation.

The FAA agrees that the definition for a "part eligible for installation" should include new parts that have not been service run and that have already undergone an AUSI during production. The FAA has added the following paragraph to this AD: "(h)(3)(iv): A new zero-time HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, that has passed an AUSI at new part production." The FAA has also added the following note to this AD: "Note 1 to paragraph (h)(3)(iv): Parts that have been inspected at new part production are identified in the original manufacturing record for the part and may be obtained using PW's Vital Statistics Logbook look up tool." Instructions on how to use PW's Vital Statistics Logbook look up tool can be

found in PW Special Instruction No. 100F-24, Revision E or later revisions. The FAA disagrees with the request to include reference to PW SI No. 100F-24 in the definition for a "part eligible for installation" because the latest revision of the service material has not been issued yet and was not available for review while processing this AD.

#### Request To Clarify Installation Eligibility for Rotors on Different Engine Models

DAL requested that the FAA clarify whether the following steps provide installation eligibility for the 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, regardless of which engine model the part originated from:

(1) Step 7 of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024.

(2) Step 5.B of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0211-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

(3) Step 7 of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024.

(4) Step 5.B of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0158-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

DAL noted that the HPC 7th-stage axial rotor having P/N 30G5307 is used in both PW Model PW1500G and PW1900G engines.

To clarify, the service material listed in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD and identified by the commenter may be used to indicate accomplishment of the AUSI. The FAA did not change this AD as a result of this comment.

#### Request To Change Language From "Crack" to "Crack Indication"

DAL requested that the FAA change the word "crack" to "crack indication" in paragraphs (g)(1), (2), and (3) of the proposed AD. DAL noted that the AUSI procedure can only show if the part being inspected has a "crack indication," not a "crack," so the current language in paragraphs (g)(1), (2), and (3) of the proposed AD will not drive replacement of affected hardware.

The FAA partially agrees. The FAA does not agree with the wording proposed by the commenter in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) because those paragraphs require inspecting for cracks. The title of NDIP 1281 is, "PW1500 24K Rotor 7 High Pressure Compressor Disks Off-Wing Immersion Ultrasonic Inspection for Crack Detection." The FAA also disagrees with the commenter's note that the current language in paragraphs (g)(1), (2), and (3) of the proposed AD will not drive hardware replacement because parts that fail the required AUSI will be

removed, regardless of the nomenclature used. Verification that a crack indication is not an actual crack can only be done through destructive evaluation of the part. The FAA agrees to meet the commenter's intent in paragraph (g)(3) of this AD by changing the wording from "if any crack is found," to "if any crack indication is found."

### Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed the following material:

(1) PW Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024; and PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024; which specify procedures for performing initial AUSIs on affected HPC 7th-stage axial rotors. This material also includes the serial numbers of affected HPC 7th-stage axial rotors. This material is distinct because it applies to different engine models in different configurations.

(2) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0158-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024; and PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0211-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024; which specify procedures for performing repetitive AUSIs on affected

HPC 7th-stage axial rotors. This material is distinct because it applies to different engine models in different configurations.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

### Interim Action

The FAA considers this AD to be an interim action. This unsafe condition is still under investigation by the manufacturer and, depending on the results of that investigation, the FAA may consider further rulemaking action.

### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 121 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
AUSI of HPC 7th-stage axial rotor .....	20 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,700 .....	\$0	\$1,700	\$205,700

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary replacements that would be required based on the

results of the proposed inspection. The agency has no way of determining the

number of engines that might need these replacements:

### ON-CONDITION COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Replacement of HPC 7th-stage axial rotor .....	1 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$85 .....	\$84,640	\$84,725

### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-13 Pratt & Whitney:** Amendment 39-22971; Docket No. FAA-2024-2026; Project Identifier AD-2024-00163-E.

**(a) Effective Date**

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

**(b) Affected ADs**

None.

**(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to Pratt & Whitney (PW) Model PW1519G, PW1521G, PW1521GA, PW1521G-3, PW1524G, PW1524G-3, PW1525G, PW1525G-3, PW1919G, PW1921G, PW1922G, PW1923G, and PW1923G-A engines with an installed high-pressure compressor (HPC) 7th-stage axial rotor having part number (P/N) 30G5307.

**(d) Subject**

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7230, Turbine Engine Compressor Section.

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by an analysis of an event involving an International Aero Engines, LLC Model PW1127GA-JM engine, which experienced an HPC 7th-stage integrally bladed rotor separation that resulted in an aborted takeoff. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HPC 7th-stage axial rotor. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained HPC 7th-stage axial rotor failure, release of high-energy debris, damage to the engine, damage to the airplane, and possible loss of the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

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

**(g) Required Actions**

(1) At the next piece-part exposure after the effective date of this AD and thereafter at each piece-part exposure, except as required by paragraph (g)(2) and (4) of this AD, perform an angled ultrasonic inspection (AUSI) of the affected HPC 7th-stage axial rotor for cracks in accordance with paragraphs (g)(1)(i) or (ii) of this AD, as applicable.

(i) For Model PW1500G engines: Step 7 of the Accomplishment Instructions of PW Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024 (PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002), or step 5.B of the Accomplishment Instructions of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0211-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

(ii) For Model PW1900G engines: Step 7 of the Accomplishment Instructions of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024 (PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002), or step 5.B of the Accomplishment Instructions of PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0158-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

(2) For engines with an installed HPC 7th-stage axial rotor with a serial number listed in Table 1 of PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, or Table 1 of PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, that have not had an AUSI performed prior to the effective date of this

AD, at the next HPC engine shop visit after the effective date of this AD, not to exceed 10,000 part cycles since new, or within 100 flight cycles (FCs) after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, and thereafter at each piece-part exposure: perform an AUSI of the HPC 7th-stage axial rotor for cracks in accordance with paragraphs (g)(1)(i) or (ii) of this AD, as applicable.

(3) If any crack indication is found during any inspection required by paragraphs (g)(1) or (2) of this AD, before further flight, remove the HPC 7th-stage axial rotor from service and replace with a part eligible for installation.

(4) If an HPC 7th-stage axial rotor has accumulated 100 FCs or less since the last AUSI, reinspection is not required until the next shop visit provided that the part was not damaged during removal from the engine.

**(h) Definitions**

For the purpose of this AD:

(1) "Model PW1500G" engines are PW Model PW1519G, PW1521G, PW1521GA, PW1521G-3, PW1524G, PW1524G-3, PW1525G, and PW1525G-3 engines.

(2) "Model PW1900G" engines are PW Model PW1919G, PW1921G, PW1922G, PW1923G, and PW1923G-A engines.

(3) A "part eligible for installation" is any of the following:

(i) An HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, that has passed the AUSI required by paragraphs (g)(1) or (2) of this AD.

(ii) An HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, that has a Certificate of Conformance that shows compliance with NDIP-1281.

(iii) An HPC 7th-stage axial rotor that has a later approved P/N.

(iv) A new zero-time HPC 7th-stage axial rotor, P/N 30G5307, that has passed an AUSI at new part production.

**Note 1 to paragraph (h)(3)(iv):** Parts that have been inspected at new part production are identified in the original manufacturing record for the part and may be obtained using PW's Vital Statistics Logbook look up tool.

(4) A "piece-part exposure" is when the HPC 7th-stage axial rotor is disassembled from the rotor assembly.

(5) An "HPC engine shop visit" is when the HPC rotor assembly is removed from the HPC module.

**(i) Credit for Previous Actions**

This paragraph provides credit for the initial AUSI required by paragraphs (g)(2) of this AD, if those actions were done before the effective date of this AD using any of the following:

(1) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 001, dated February 15, 2024.

(2) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0158-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 001, dated February 19, 2024.

(3) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 001, dated February 15, 2024.

(4) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0211-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 001, dated February 19, 2024.

**(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) The Manager, AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

**(k) Additional Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Carol Nguyen, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7655; email: [carol.nguyen@faa.gov](mailto:carol.nguyen@faa.gov).

**(l) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

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

(i) Pratt & Whitney (PW) Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) PW1000G-A-72-00-0157-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024.

(ii) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0158-00B-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

(iii) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0210-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated May 22, 2024.

(iv) PW ASB PW1000G-A-72-00-0211-00A-930A-D, Issue No: 002, dated August 1, 2024.

(3) For PW material identified in this AD, contact PW, 400 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118; phone: (860) 565-0140; email: [help24@prattwhitney.com](mailto:help24@prattwhitney.com); website: [connect.prattwhitney.com](http://connect.prattwhitney.com).

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

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

Issued on February 21, 2025.

**Peter A. White,**

*Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2023-2236; Project Identifier AD-2023-00962-T; Amendment 39-22959; AD 2025-04-01]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives: The Boeing Company Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. This AD requires replacing specified inlet cowl aft bulkhead fasteners for certain airplanes; for certain other airplanes, inspecting the inlet cowl aft bulkhead fastener and replacing the fasteners if rivets are found, and, for all airplanes, replacement of the crushable spacers used in the attachment of the inlet cowl to the engine fan case; or as an option, installing a serviceable inlet cowl. This AD also requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations (AWLs). The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:**

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-2236; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**Material Incorporated by Reference:**

- For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial

Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website *myboeingfleet.com*.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-2236.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Cortez-Muniz, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3958; email: *luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2023 (88 FR 86084). The NPRM was prompted by two engine FBO events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require replacing specified inlet cowl aft bulkhead fasteners for certain airplanes; for certain other airplanes, inspecting the inlet cowl aft bulkhead fastener and replacing the fasteners if rivets are found, and, for all airplanes, replacement of the crushable spacers used in the attachment of the inlet cowl to the engine fan case; or as an option, installing a serviceable inlet cowl. The NPRM also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new AWLs. The FAA is issuing this AD to address inlet cowls that are not strengthened, which could, in the event of an FBO occurrence, depart the airplane potentially damaging the airframe structure or striking the fuselage and windows. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane, and a hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing. In addition, the unsafe condition could result in significantly increased drag of the airplane, which, during an extended operations (ETOPS) flight, could lead to fuel starvation and a forced off-airplane landing.

**Other Related Rulemaking**

The FAA issued three NPRM ADs related to Exemption No. 19212A, dated September 7, 2023 (Docket No. FAA-2021-0681) (Exemption No. 19212A), which requires Boeing to develop modifications to the inlet cowl, fan cowl, and exhaust nozzle for operators to incorporate by July 31, 2028. Exemption No. 19212A further requires Boeing to provide solutions to address maintenance errors. Exemption No. 19212A also requires Boeing to develop airworthiness limitations for the modifications and solutions to address maintenance errors.

The NPRM for this AD, Docket No. FAA-2023-2236, refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the inlet cowl.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2234 (88 FR 86069, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the fan cowl.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2235 (88 FR 86080, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the exhaust nozzle.

All three NPRMs also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations (System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4).

**Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive****Comments**

The FAA received comments from Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received additional comments from 13 commenters, including AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Aviation Partners Boeing, Boeing, Delta Air Lines, Qantas, SIA Engineering, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, Virgin Australia Airlines, and an individual commenter. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

### Request for Clarification of the Applicability

SIA Engineering requested that the FAA clarify the applicability of the proposed AD to match the part number applicability included in the effectiveness paragraph of Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007. The commenter stated that the NPRM applies to all Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes, whereas the effectiveness paragraph for Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007, Revision 0, dated July 28, 2023, references the affected components (*i.e.*, part numbers 314-2100-2, 314-2100-3, and 314-2100-4 with serial numbers before 14220001). Sun Country Airlines also stated that the proposed applicability specifies all airplanes, but the service information identifies affected parts.

The FAA agrees to clarify the applicability. The applicability for this AD affects all Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. The FAA confirmed with Boeing that all Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes with inlet cowl part numbers (P/Ns) 314-2100-2, 314-2100-3, and 314-2100-4, regardless of serial number, are in the effectiveness of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, which lists airplane line numbers, and Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007, which refers to the inlet cowl part numbers having serial numbers before 14220001. All applicable airplanes were delivered with inlet cowl P/Ns 314-2100-2, 314-2100-3, and 314-2100-4, which must be modified to address the unsafe condition. The effectiveness of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, lists line numbers, which is equivalent to all airplanes. The effectiveness of Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007, dated July 28, 2023, refers to affected inlet cowls (P/Ns 314-2100-2, 314-2100-3, and 314-2100-4) and specifies serial numbers prior to serial number 14220001, which is equivalent to all affected inlet cowls. Starting at serial number 14220001, the corresponding part number will be 314-2100-5, which is the new part that is equivalent to the inlet cowls modified as specified in Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007, dated July 28, 2023. The FAA has not changed this AD as a result of this comment.

### Request for Clarifying Part Interchangeability

Sun Country Airlines stated there is a possibility of an aircraft becoming out of

compliance due to replacement of a modified inlet cowl with an unmodified inlet cowl. Sun Country Airlines stated that other rulemaking that has affected components has had wording identifying or limiting pre- and post-modification installation/interchangeability. The FAA infers Sun Country Airlines is requesting that the FAA add a note to the proposed AD to specify a modified inlet cowl cannot be replaced with an unmodified inlet cowl.

The FAA agrees to clarify. 14 CFR 39.7 specifies that once an AD is issued, no person may operate a product to which the AD applies except in accordance with the requirements of that AD. Further, 14 CFR 39.9 imposes a continuing obligation to maintain compliance with an AD by establishing a separate violation for each time an aircraft is operated that fails to meet AD requirements. Thus, operators have an ongoing obligation to ensure that the AD-mandated configuration is maintained. Therefore, adding the part restriction note would not be necessary since all Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes are required to accomplish Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

### Request To Refer to Later Revisions of the Service Information

Southwest Airlines and American Airlines requested that the FAA change paragraphs (g) and (h) of the proposed AD to reference Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, which is pending publication. Southwest Airlines asked that the FAA not publish the AD until the release of Revision 1 and allow credit for previous accomplishment of the original issue of the requirements bulletin.

American Airlines also requested that the FAA allow the use of later FAA-approved revisions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB. American Airlines stated this is no different than when the FAA incorporates a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD into an FAA AD by reference, and the EASA AD “Ref. Publications” section states, “The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.” American Airlines concluded that this change will prevent the need for immediate, if not on-going requests for alternative methods of compliance (AMOCs) upon the release of the revised service bulletins.

The FAA has reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024. This revision adds “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance Errors” to the actions to incorporate airworthiness limitations. The AWLs are now incorporated into Revision 1 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB so this information can now be required via Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, instead of as an exception to the service information. In addition to incorporating the AWL information that was specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, the only other changes to the “Compliance” paragraph and Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, were to reference the NPRM, clarify Note 1 that describes the “Enhanced Required for Compliance” document, and to add Note 10 to allow alternative fasteners. None of these changes substantively affect the required actions for operators but instead are clarifying. Therefore, the FAA has revised this AD to refer to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, and added paragraph (j) of this AD to provide credit for previous work performed prior to the effective date of this AD.

Regarding the American Airlines request to include later approved revisions, the FAA cannot allow later approved revisions in the AD because referring to documents that do not exist at the time the AD is published violates Office of the Federal Register (OFR) regulations regarding approval of materials “incorporated by reference” in rules. These OFR regulations require that either the service document be submitted for approval by the OFR as “referenced” material, in which case it may be simply called out in the text of an AD, or the service document contents be published as part of the actual AD language. An AD may reference only the specific service document that was submitted and approved by the OFR for “incorporation by reference.” In order for operators to use later revisions of the referenced document (issued after the publication of the AD), either the FAA must revise the AD to reference the specific later revisions, or operators must request the approval of their use as an AMOC (under the provisions of paragraph (k) of this AD).

## Request for AWL Compliance Time Extension

AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Qantas, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, and Virgin Australia Airlines requested the compliance time for revising the existing maintenance or inspection program be extended from before further flight as specified in the proposed AD to a longer compliance time. Compliance time requests varied from 30 days to 12 months. Some commenters stated that the “before further flight” requirement should be removed altogether. Several commenters noted that voluntary incorporation of the modification is occurring but incorporating the AWLs before further flight after modification was not possible since the AWLs were not published at the same time as the modification bulletins. Several commenters expressed concern that this will result in non-compliance with the AD upon its effective date. Qantas requested that for airplanes on which the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB has already been done, the FAA allow figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD to be incorporated within 30 days after the effective date of the AD instead of before further flight after accomplishing actions specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB. Virgin Australian Airlines also requested credit if modification of the inlet cowl was accomplished prior to the AD's effective date. Sun Country Airlines also expressed concern that the AWL revision and updated requirements have not been approved or released via normal distribution channels.

The FAA disagrees with changing the compliance time but acknowledges the concern regarding the compliance time for airplanes on which the modification was done prior to adoption of this AD and availability of the updated AWL. However, the requirement to incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with Exemption No. 19212A, Docket No. FAA-2021-0681 and is part of the change to type design. The FAA provided a time-limited exemption (TLE) to Boeing, Exemption No. 19212A. The TLE includes a limitation to require the AWLs to be incorporated as part of the type design for each of the modifications which include engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. As the modification plus the AWL is required to maintain a compliant design, this AD

will maintain the “before further flight” requirement.

The FAA also notes that paragraph (f) of this AD states to accomplish the required actions within the compliance times specified, “unless already done.” Therefore, if operators have accomplished the modification and incorporation of the AWLs required for compliance with this AD before the effective date of this AD, no further action is necessary.

## Request the Removal of AWL Incorporation

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Sun Country Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Qantas, and United Airlines requested removing the requirement to incorporate some or all of the AWLs specified in the proposed AD (System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4). The commenters pointed out that paragraph (h) of the proposed AD specifies incorporating certain AWLs included in Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01. The commenters noted that the current published Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 does not include the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, which are vague and do not provide a definitive action to address the unsafe condition identified in the proposed AD. Qantas stated that operators do not have instructions to modify the engine exhaust nozzles in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, July 27, 2023, and suggested that System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3 be removed from the proposed AD (the NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2234) and only be located in NPRM Docket No. FAA-2023-2235 where it is more suited.

Sun Country Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 does not appear related to the events that prompted the NPRM and is not related to the intent of this rulemaking. Southwest stated that incorporating System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 places responsibility on the operator, rather than the manufacturer, to be compliant and produce solutions. Southwest added that Boeing has a responsibility to define “potential maintenance errors” and to provide specific modification or inspection procedures to mitigate those errors. The commenters also raised concerns that an immediate change to the maintenance program would not provide additional safety measures. The commenters

expressed further concern that the new proposed requirements may result in airplanes being out of revenue service while waiting on an operator's Certificate Management Office (CMO) to process the maintenance program change. Delta recommended that the FAA transfer the AWL requirements into a separate AD.

The FAA disagrees with removing some or all of the AWLs specified in this AD. The FAA requirement to incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with the modifications required by Exemption No. 19212A to address the unsafe condition. Furthermore, the TLE includes a limitation to require that the AWLs be incorporated as part of the type design for modifications to the engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. Therefore, once one of the modification bulletins (Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1937 RB, 737-71-1938 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB) is accomplished, all the AWLs specified in this AD need to be incorporated into the operators' maintenance program so as the operator can maintain a compliant design and address the unsafe condition. System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 were created to address the TLE requirements and the unsafe condition.

A new version of the AWLs has been released, Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01, dated January 2024, that includes the AWLs identified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, includes procedures to incorporate those new AWLs. Therefore, the FAA has determined that incorporating the new AWLs must be done as part of the requirements of this AD and not in a separate AD.

## Request To Change AWL Compliance Time

Southwest Airlines suggested either a service data due date of December 31, 2024 to align with the time-limited exemption, Exemption No. 19212A, be added to the proposed AD or that the FAA remove the AWL requirements from the proposed AD. Southwest Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 do not provide a defined date for Boeing to release all service data to operators. Therefore, without a defined date for Boeing to release all service data, there

is concern that operators may not be given sufficient time to perform the required modifications prior to the AD's completion due date.

The FAA disagrees with the commenter's request. As previously mentioned, a new AWL revision has been released that includes the System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3, and No. 4. The service information for System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3 has been released, *i.e.*, Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; and Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, and Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. Although service information to address System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 has not yet been released, the FAA has coordinated with Boeing to better understand the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, which requires the incorporation of solutions to address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors into operators' maintenance programs. The solutions are intended to prevent the unlatching of the fan cowl and fan cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door in flight. The solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. The FAA has added an exception to paragraph (h)(2) of this AD to clarify solutions as required in System Airworthiness Limitation No.4. Operators have until December 31, 2029, to incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors as specified in System Airworthiness Limitation No.4 and clarified in this AD.

#### Request for Clarification Regarding AWL Requirement

Delta Air Lines, All Nippon Airways, United Airlines, Qantas, and American Airlines asked for clarification on what would be required to meet System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. The commenters stated adequate instructions are not included in the AWLs. Therefore, additional details are needed to clarify these requirements and provide a clear path to comply with the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Furthermore, certain operators do not believe this meets 14 CFR 43.16, and System Airworthiness Limitation No.4 is an unexpected demand.

The FAA agrees to clarify. Accomplishing the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1938 RB, 737-71-1937 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB satisfies the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3. This also satisfies the requirement of 14 CFR 43.16 to perform inspections or maintenance in accordance with the AWLs.

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of item (1) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2."

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of items (2) and (3) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2."

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 3—FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS."

As previously stated, the FAA coordinated with Boeing to determine potential maintenance errors that require solutions in accordance with System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4. To comply with this AD and the System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. If any specific service information is provided or further solutions are incorporated to address potential maintenance errors, the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

#### Request for Change to Exception (System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4)

Boeing requested appending the following statement to the end of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4:

"Boeing will release all service data to enable full compliance for the CFM56-7B nacelle for addressing potential maintenance errors prior to that date." Boeing stated that the statement would correspond to the statements included in AWL No. 2 and 3.

The FAA agrees to clarify. As previously mentioned, the recently released Boeing AWL document includes System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4. The new AWL includes the text as requested by Boeing. Therefore, no change to this AD is necessary.

#### Request To Add Additional Service Information

Sun Country Airlines noted that the proposed AD only refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, dated July 27, 2023, and requested that the FAA list additional service information as documentation to be used for compliance with the proposed rule. The commenter noted that other service information contains critical details of the inlet attach ring fastener replacement work.

The FAA partially agrees. The FAA agrees that several actions in Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007, Revision 0, dated July 28, 2023, are required for compliance as specified by Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, which is required by paragraph (g) of this AD. The FAA also acknowledges that certain other service information might be related to the required actions. However, the FAA only identifies service information that is directly required for compliance by this AD. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### Request To Add an Exception for Equivalent Consumables

United Airlines requested the FAA add an exception to allow equivalent consumables substitutes for sealant, primer, etc., to be used during the accomplishment of the proposed AD. United Airlines noted that table 2.C in Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007 allows an equivalent substitute to certain consumables to be used but these substitutes are not allowable as part of the "Required for Compliance" (RC) steps. Instead, United Airlines stated Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007 calls out specific consumable products in the RC steps; this violates standard practice where typically a material specification is referenced instead of a specific manufacturer product.

The FAA agrees with the request. By allowing equivalent material substitutes, this AD still adequately addresses the identified unsafe condition. Therefore, the FAA has added paragraph (h)(3) of this AD to allow equivalent material substitutes for the use of Bonderite M-CR 1200S Aero, 10P4-2NF primer, EC-117S converter, TR19 thinner, or T20 thinner.

#### Request To Change a Certain Fastener Requirement

An individual advised the FAA of the need for dimensional inspection and conformance requirements of the threaded fasteners and recommended using AS8879 Category 2 fasteners instead of Category 1 fasteners.

The FAA clarifies that Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, specifies the approved part numbers of the fasteners for this modification. The subject inlet configuration was found to meet the pertinent structural regulations with the existing fastener thread specifications. The FAA has not changed this AD as a result of this comment.

#### Effect of Winglets on Accomplishment of the Proposed Actions

Aviation Partners Boeing stated that the installation of winglets per

supplemental type certificate (STC) ST00830SE on applicable Boeing models subject to the proposed rule does not affect compliance with the mandated actions in the proposed AD.

The FAA agrees with the commenter that STC ST00830SE does not affect the ability to accomplish the actions required by this AD. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024. This material specifies procedures to accomplish replacement of specified inlet cowl aft bulkhead fasteners for certain airplanes; for certain other airplanes, an inlet cowl aft bulkhead

fastener inspection and fastener replacement of the inlet cowl aft bulkhead fasteners if rivets are found, and, for all airplanes, replacement of the crushable spacers used in the attachment of the inlet cowl to the engine fan case for engine 1 and engine 2; or as an option, installation of a serviceable inlet cowl with new crushable spacers. This material also specifies procedures to incorporate Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions”, “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions,” and “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance Errors” into the operator’s maintenance or inspection program.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

#### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 1,979 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action *	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection and fastener replacement (for Config 1 airplanes)/Fastener replacement (for Config 2 airplanes).	Up to 98 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$8,330.	\$922	Up to \$9,252 .....	Up to \$18,309,708.
Crushable spacer replacement .....	16 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,360.	14,878	\$16,238 .....	\$32,135,002.

\* The option to install a serviceable inlet cowl would cost up to \$25,490 per product.

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the agency estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of

the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

## The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-01 The Boeing Company:**

Amendment 39-22959; Docket No. FAA-2023-2236; Project Identifier AD-2023-00962-T.

#### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes, certificated in any category.

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 71, Powerplant.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. The FAA is issuing this

AD to address inlet cowls that are not strengthened, which, in the event of an FBO occurrence, could depart the airplane potentially damaging the airframe structure, or the inlet cowl could strike the fuselage and window. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane and hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing. In addition, the unsafe condition could result in significantly increased drag of the airplane, which during an extended operations (ETOPS) flight, could lead to fuel starvation and a forced off-airplane landing.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Required Actions

Except as specified by paragraph (h) of this AD: At the applicable times specified in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

**Note 1 to paragraph (g):** Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-71-1938, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, which is referred to in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

#### (h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, refer to the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, as identified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, requires incorporation of solutions to

address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors, solutions consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the integrated drive generator (IDG) door.

(3) Where Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007 referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, specifies use of Bonderite M-CR 1200S Aero, 10P4-2NF primer, EC-117S converter, TR19 thinner, or T20 thinner, this AD also allows for equivalent material substitutes as specified in paragraph 2.C., “Material Necessary for Each Inlet Assembly,” of Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007 referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

#### (i) No Alternative Actions

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions may be used unless the actions are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

#### (j) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions specified in paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, dated July 27, 2023, provided where Tables 1 through 4 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, dated June 27, 2024, specify incorporating 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions” and “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions” into the operators’ maintenance program, the information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (j) of this AD has been incorporated into the airworthiness limitations.

**Figure 1 to Paragraph (j)—System Airworthiness Limitations**

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 2

##### FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft must install the following modifications: (1) engines inlets with new spacer design and increased fastener capability (2) fan cowls with new radial restraint fitting hooks, new radial restraint clips, and an external doubler at the starter vent (3) fan cowl support beam fastener changes (except for 737-900ER aircraft, because the fan cowl support beam fastener changes are already incorporated). All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2028, unless upgraded to a new hardware that is fully compliant to §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to the CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 3

##### FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft delivered without the Performance Improvement Package (PIP) must install engine exhaust nozzle structural stiffening elements. All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2028 unless upgraded to new hardware that is fully compliant to §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to the CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

**SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 4**  
**ENGINE NACELLE MAINTENANCE ERRORS**

All aircraft must incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors, e.g., the failure to completely latch the fan cowl or the can cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door. All aircraft that have not incorporated changes to become fully compliant with §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25 cannot be operated past December 31, 2029.

**(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) The Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

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

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

**(l) Related Information**

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Luis Cortez-Muniz, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3958; email: [luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov](mailto:luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov).

(2) For Collins material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference, contact Collins Aerospace, 15701 West 95th Street, Lenexa, KS 66219; email: [ISPublications@collins.com](mailto:ISPublications@collins.com); website [tpi.beaerospace.com/Authentication](http://tpi.beaerospace.com/Authentication).

(3) Boeing material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (m)(3) this AD.

**(m) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

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

(i) Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.com).

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

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

Issued on February 25, 2025.

**Suzanne Masterson,**

*Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2023-2234; Project Identifier AD-2023-00963-T; Amendment 39-22960; AD 2025-04-02]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. This AD requires replacing the fasteners on the fan cowl support beam hinge fittings for certain airplanes and, for all airplanes, requires modifying the radial restraint assembly and installing an external doubler at the starter vent, or as an option, installing a serviceable fan cowl. This AD also requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:**

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2234; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**Material Incorporated by Reference:**

- For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.com).

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2234.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2023 (88 FR 86069). The NPRM was prompted by two engine FBO events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. In the NPRM, the

FAA proposed to require replacing the fasteners on the fan cowl support beam hinge fittings for certain airplanes and, for all airplanes, proposed to require modifying the radial restraint assembly and installing an external doubler at the starter vent, or as an option, installing a serviceable fan cowl. In the NPRM, the FAA also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address fan cowls that are not strengthened, which could, in the event of an FBO occurrence, depart the nacelle potentially damaging a stabilizer, or the fan cowl could strike the fuselage and window. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane, or in a rapid decompression and hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing.

#### Other Related Rulemaking

The FAA issued three NPRM ADs related to Exemption No. 19212A, dated September 7, 2023 (Docket No. FAA-2021-0681) (Exemption No. 19212A), which requires Boeing to develop modifications to the inlet cowl, fan cowl, and exhaust nozzle for operators to incorporate by July 31, 2028. Exemption No. 19212A further requires Boeing to provide solutions to address maintenance errors. Exemption No. 19212A also requires Boeing to develop airworthiness limitations for the modifications and solutions to address maintenance errors.

The NPRM for this AD, Docket No. FAA-2023-2234, refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the fan cowl.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2236 (88 FR 86084, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the inlet cowl.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2235 (88 FR 86080, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the exhaust nozzle.

All three NPRMs also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations (System

Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4).

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received comments from Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received additional comments from 11 commenters, including AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Aviation Partners Boeing, Boeing, Delta Air Lines, Qantas, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, and Virgin Australia Airlines. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

#### Request To Clarify Part Interchangeability

Sun Country Airlines stated there is a possibility of an aircraft becoming out of compliance due to replacement of a modified fan cowl with an unmodified fan cowl. Sun Country Airlines stated that other rulemaking that has affected components has had wording identifying or limiting pre- and post-modification installation/ interchangeability. The FAA infers Sun Country Airlines is requesting that the FAA add a note to the proposed AD to specify a modified fan cowl cannot be replaced with an unmodified fan cowl.

The FAA agrees to clarify. 14 CFR 39.7 specifies that once an AD is issued, no person may operate a product to which the AD applies except in accordance with the requirements of that AD. Further, 14 CFR 39.9 imposes a continuing obligation to maintain compliance with an AD by establishing a separate violation for each time an aircraft is operated that fails to meet AD requirements. Thus, operators have an ongoing obligation to ensure that the AD-mandated configuration is maintained. Therefore, adding the part restriction note would not be necessary since all Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes are required to accomplish Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### Request To Refer to Later Revisions of the Service Information

Southwest Airlines and American Airlines requested that the FAA change paragraphs (g) and (h) of the proposed AD to reference Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, which is pending publication. Southwest

Airlines asked that the FAA not publish the AD until the release of Revision 1 and allow credit for previous accomplishment of the original issue of the requirements bulletin.

American Airlines also requested that the FAA allow the use of later FAA-approved revisions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB. American Airlines stated this is no different than when the FAA incorporates a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD into an FAA AD by reference, and the EASA AD "Ref. Publications" section states, "The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD." American Airlines concluded that this change will prevent the need for immediate, if not on-going requests for alternative methods of compliance (AMOCs) upon the release of the revised service bulletins.

The FAA has reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024. This revision adds "System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance Errors" to the actions to incorporate airworthiness limitations. The AWLs are now incorporated into Revision 1 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB so this information can now be required via Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, instead of as an exception to the service information. In addition to incorporating the AWL information that was specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, the only other changes to the "Compliance" paragraph and Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, were to reference the NPRM, clarify Note 1 that describes the "Enhanced Required for Compliance" document, add Note 8 to allow alternative fasteners and add an optional concurrent service bulletin. None of these changes substantively affect the required actions on operators but instead are clarifying. Therefore, the FAA has revised this AD to refer to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, and added paragraph (j) of this AD to provide credit for previous work performed prior to the effective date of this AD.

Regarding the American Airlines request to include later approved revisions, the FAA cannot allow later approved revisions in the AD because

referring to documents that do not exist at the time the AD is published violates Office of the Federal Register (OFR) regulations regarding approval of materials “incorporated by reference” in rules. These OFR regulations require that either the service document be submitted for approval by the OFR as “referenced” material, in which case it may be simply called out in the text of an AD, or the service document contents be published as part of the actual AD language. An AD may reference only the specific service document that was submitted and approved by the OFR for “incorporation by reference.” In order for operators to use later revisions of the referenced document (issued after the publication of the AD), either the FAA must revise the AD to reference the specific later revisions, or operators must request the approval of their use as an AMOC (under the provisions of paragraph (k) of this AD).

#### Request for AWL Compliance Time Extension

AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Qantas, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, and Virgin Australia Airlines requested the compliance time for revising the existing maintenance or inspection program be extended from before further flight as specified in the proposed AD to a longer compliance time. Compliance time requests varied from 30 days to 12 months. Some commenters stated that the “before further flight” requirement should be removed altogether. Several commenters noted that voluntary incorporation of the modification is occurring but incorporating the AWLs before further flight after modification was not possible since the AWLs were not published at the same time as the modification bulletins. Several commenters expressed concern that this will result in non-compliance with the AD upon its effective date. Qantas requested that for airplanes on which the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB has already been done, the FAA allow figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD to be incorporated within 30 days after the effective date of the AD instead of before further flight after accomplishing actions specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB. Virgin Australian Airlines requested credit if modification of the inlet cowl was accomplished prior to the AD’s effective date. Sun Country Airlines also expressed concern that the AWL revision and updated requirements have

not been approved or released via normal distribution channels.

The FAA disagrees with changing the compliance time but acknowledges the concern regarding the compliance time for airplanes on which the modification was done prior to the adoption of this AD and the availability of the updated AWL. However, the requirement to incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with Exemption No. 19212A, Docket No. FAA-2021-0681 and is part of the change to type design. The FAA provided a time-limited exemption (TLE) to Boeing, Exemption No. 19212A. The TLE includes a limitation to require the AWLs to be incorporated as part of the type design for each of the modifications which include engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. As the modification plus the AWL is required to maintain a compliant design, this AD will maintain the “before further flight” requirement.

The FAA also notes that paragraph (f) of this AD states to accomplish the required actions within the compliance times specified, “unless already done.” Therefore, if operators have accomplished the modification and incorporation of the AWLs required for compliance with this AD before the effective date of this AD, no further action is necessary.

#### Request the Removal of AWL Incorporation

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Sun Country Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Qantas, and United Airlines requested removing some or all of the AWLs specified in the proposed AD (System AWLs No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4). The commenters pointed out that paragraph (h) of the proposed AD specifies incorporating certain AWLs included in Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01. The commenters noted that the current Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 does not include the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, and added that the current AWLs are vague and do not provide a definitive action to address the unsafe condition identified in the proposed AD. Qantas stated that operators do not have instructions to modify the engine exhaust nozzles in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, July 27, 2023, and suggested that System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3 be

removed from the proposed AD and only be located in the NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2235 where it is more suited.

Sun Country Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 does not appear to be related to the events that prompted the NPRM and is not related to the intent of this rulemaking. Southwest stated that incorporating System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 places responsibility on the operator, rather than the manufacturer, to be compliant and produce solutions. Southwest added that Boeing has a responsibility to define “potential maintenance errors” and to provide specific modification or inspection procedures to mitigate those errors. Some commenters also raised concerns that an immediate change to the maintenance program would not provide additional safety measures. American Airlines expressed further concern that the new proposed requirements may result in airplanes being out of revenue service while waiting on an operator’s Certificate Management Office (CMO) to process the maintenance program change. Delta recommended that the FAA transfer the AWL requirements into a separate AD.

The FAA disagrees with removing some or all of the AWLs specified in this AD. The FAA requirement to incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with the modification required by Exemption No. 19212A to address the unsafe condition. Furthermore, the TLE includes a limitation to require that the AWLs be incorporated as part of the type design for modifications to the engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. Therefore, once one of the modification bulletins (Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1937 RB, 737-71-1938 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB) is accomplished, all the AWLs specified in this AD need to be incorporated into the operators’ maintenance program so as the operator can maintain a compliant design and address the unsafe condition. System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 were created to address the TLE requirements and the unsafe condition.

A new version of the AWLs has been released, Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01, dated January 2024, that includes the AWLs identified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, includes

procedures to incorporate those new AWLs. Therefore, the FAA has determined that incorporating the new AWLs must be done as part of the requirements of this AD and not in a separate AD.

#### Request To Change AWL Compliance Time

Southwest Airlines suggested either a service data due date of December 31, 2024 to align with the time-limited exemption, Exemption No. 19212A be added to the proposed AD or that the FAA remove the AWL requirements from the proposed AD. Southwest Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 do not provide a defined date for Boeing to release all service data to operators. Therefore, without a defined date for Boeing to release all service data, there is concern that operators may not be given sufficient time to perform the required modifications prior to the AD's completion due date.

The FAA disagrees with the commenter's request. As previously mentioned, a new AWL revision has been released that includes the System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3, and No. 4. The service information for System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3 has been released, *i.e.*, Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; and Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, and Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. Although service information to address System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 has not yet been released, the FAA has coordinated with Boeing to better understand the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, which requires the incorporation of solutions to address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors into operators' maintenance programs. The solutions are intended to prevent the unlatching of the fan cowl and fan cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door in flight. The solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. The FAA has added an exception to paragraph (h)(3) of this AD to clarify solutions as required in AWL No. 4. Operators have until December 31, 2029, to incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors as specified in AWL No. 4. and clarified in this AD.

#### Request for Clarification Regarding AWL Requirement

Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, Qantas, and American Airlines asked for clarification on what would be required to meet System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. The commenters stated adequate instructions are not included in the AWLs. Therefore, additional details are needed to clarify these requirements and provide a clear path to comply with the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Furthermore, certain operators do not believe this meets 14 CFR 43.16, and System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 is an unexpected demand.

The FAA agrees to clarify. Accomplishing the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1938 RB, 737-71-1937 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB satisfies the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3. This also satisfies the requirement of 14 CFR 43.16 to perform inspections or maintenance in accordance with the AWLs.

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of items (2) and (3) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2."

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of item (1) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2."

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 3—FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS."

As previously stated, the FAA coordinated with Boeing to determine potential maintenance errors that

require solutions in accordance with System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4. To comply with this AD and the System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. If any specific service information is provided or further solutions are incorporated to address potential maintenance errors, the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

#### Request for Change to Exception (System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4)

Boeing requested appending the following statement to the end of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4: "Boeing will release all service data to enable full compliance for the CFM56-7B nacelle for addressing potential maintenance errors prior to that date." Boeing stated that the statement would correspond to the statements included in AWL No. 2 and 3.

The FAA agrees to clarify. As previously mentioned, the recently released new Boeing AWL document includes System AWL No. 4. The new AWL includes the text as requested by Boeing. Therefore, no change to this AD is necessary.

#### Request To Add Additional Service Information

Sun Country Airlines noted that the proposed AD only refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, dated July 27, 2023, and requested that the FAA list additional service information as documentation to be used for compliance with the proposed rule. The commenter noted that other service information contains critical details of the fan cowl work.

The FAA partially agrees. The FAA agrees that several actions in the Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 are required for compliance as specified by Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, which is required by paragraph (g) of this AD. The FAA also acknowledges that certain other service information might be related to the required actions. However, the FAA only identifies service information that is directly required for compliance by this AD. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### Request To Add an Exception for Equivalent Consumables

United Airlines requested the FAA add an exception to allow equivalent

consumables substitutes for sealant, primer, etc., to be used during the accomplishment of the proposed AD. United Airlines noted that table 2.C in Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 allows an equivalent substitute to certain consumables to be used but these substitutes are not allowable as part of the “Required for Compliance” (RC) steps. Instead, United Airlines stated Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 calls out specific consumable products in the RC steps; this violates standard practice where typically a material specification is referenced instead of a specific manufacturer product.

The FAA agrees with the request. By allowing equivalent material substitutes this AD still adequately addresses the identified unsafe condition. Therefore, the FAA has added paragraph (h)(4) of this AD to allow equivalent material substitutes for the use of Bonderite M-CR 1200S Aero, 10P4-2NF primer, EC-117S converter, TR19 thinner, or T20 thinner.

#### **Request To Use Alternative Documents for Primer Application**

United Airlines requested that a primer application step in Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 (which is referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB) be revised to reference commonly used manuals such as standard overhaul practices manual (SOPM) 20-41-02 or other equivalent documents. United Airlines stated that Collins Service Bulletin currently states to “apply primer over the repair area per Boeing document D6-1816”. United Airlines noted that document D6-1816 document is used by Boeing during production and is not accessible to technicians.

The FAA agrees with the commenter’s request. The SOPM maintains the intended configuration and is a manual readily accessible to technicians. The FAA has added paragraph (h)(5) of this AD to allow using the SOPM for primer application.

#### **Request for Exception to Certain Work Step**

United Airlines requested provisions be added in the final rule to allow installation of the external doubler and new radial restraint to be performed concurrently as they are independent installations and do not adversely affect the intent of the modification. The commenter stated that Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, dated July 27, 2023, requires the modification of the radial restraint assembly followed by the

installation of the external doubler on the fan cowl assembly. United Airlines stated that completing the installation of the external doubler before installation of the new radial restraint assembly would provide better access to install the rivets common to the doubler.

The FAA agrees with the commenter’s request for the reasons provided. The FAA coordinated with Boeing, and noted the most convenient order of modification for operators is to remove the previous radial restraint, perform the external doubler installation, and install the modified radial restraint. The FAA has added paragraph (h)(6) of this AD allowing these two actions to be accomplished concurrently.

#### **Request To Revise Action Regarding Matching Topcoat**

United Airlines noted that Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008, Revision 4, dated July 28, 2023, states to: “Topcoat over the repair area to agree with the initial production topcoat.” United Airlines noted that the fan cowl panels are often part of the aircraft livery and may have switched products and colors several times. Therefore, the “initial production topcoat” may conflict with current paint system. United Airlines added that Table 2.2 of Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 Revision 4, dated July 28, 2023, also calls out BMS10-72 Type VIII topcoat which is not what every operator uses for their exterior paint system. United Airlines recommended that the step be revised to “match the surrounding topcoat” which is generic and allows operators to use their existing paint system and colors. Alternatively, United Airlines stated that this step can also be omitted from the RC step since it is not part of the safety concern being addressed.

The FAA agrees with the commenter for the reasons provided. The FAA has added paragraph (h)(7) of this AD to permit the topcoat to match the surrounding topcoat.

#### **Request To Add an Allowance for Substitute to Fastener Length**

United Airlines noted that the ability to determine the fastener grip length during installation for the fan cowl modification is missing from Boeing Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB and Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008. United Airlines requested that the standard Boeing general note that states “fasteners of the same specification, or an approved substitute, with a length that meets the installation standards given in SRM Chapter 51 may be used” be added to the service information. United Airlines noted that installation

may occasionally require a deviation of plus or minus one grip length adjustment from the fastener part number called out in the service information due to variations in the stack up (*i.e.*, assembly of parts).

The FAA agrees to clarify. As previously noted, this AD has been updated to refer to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, which includes the language United Airlines requested in Note 8. of “General Information” of the Accomplishment Instructions. Therefore, no change to this AD is necessary.

#### **Effect of Winglets on Accomplishment of the Proposed Actions**

Aviation Partners Boeing stated that the installation of winglets per supplemental type certificate (STC) ST00830SE does not affect compliance with the mandated actions in the proposed AD.

The FAA agrees with the commenter that STC ST00830SE does not affect the ability to accomplish the actions required by this AD. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### **Conclusion**

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### **Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51**

The FAA reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024. This material specifies procedures for replacing, for certain airplanes, the fasteners on the fan cowl support beam hinge fittings on the left and right engine strut, and, for engine 1 and engine 2 for all airplanes, modifying the radial restraint assembly and installing an external doubler at the starter vent, or as an option, installing a serviceable fan cowl. This material also specifies procedures to incorporate Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions,” “System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions,” and “System

Airworthiness Limitation No. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance Errors” into the operator’s maintenance or inspection program.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 1,979 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action *	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Modification and Installation .....	140 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$11,900 .....	\$1,400 .....	\$13,300 .....	\$26,320,700.
Fastener replacement .....	Up to 8 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$680 .....	Up to \$2,300 ....	Up to \$2,980 ....	Up to \$5,897,420.

\* The option to install a serviceable fan cowl would cost up to \$16,280 per product.

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the agency estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

##### 2025-04-02 The Boeing Company:

Amendment 39-22960; Docket No. FAA-2023-2234; Project Identifier AD-2023-00963-T.

##### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes, certificated in any category.

##### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 71, Powerplant.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane. In one event, fan cowl parts damaged the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. The FAA is issuing this AD to address fan cowls that are not strengthened, which, in the event of an FBO occurrence, could depart the nacelle potentially damaging a stabilizer, or the fan cowl striking the fuselage and window. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane, or in a rapid decompression and hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Required Actions

Except as specified by paragraph (h) of this AD: At the applicable times specified in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

**Note 1 to paragraph (g):** Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-71-1937, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, which is referred to in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

#### (h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where the service information referenced in paragraph (g) of this AD specifies contacting Boeing or Collins Aerospace for repair instructions: This AD requires doing the repair before further flight using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

(2) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, refer to the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB,

this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(3) Where System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, as identified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, requires incorporation of solutions to address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors, solutions consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the integrated drive generator (IDG) door.

(4) Where Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, specifies use of Bonderite M-CR 1200S Aero, 10P4-2NF primer, EC-117S converter, TR19 thinner, or T20 thinner, this AD also allows for equivalent material substitutes as specified in paragraph 2.C., "Material Necessary for Each Inlet Assembly," of Collins Aerospace Service Bulletin 737NG-71-007 referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

(5) Where Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008 referenced in Boeing Special

Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, states to apply primer "per Boeing document D6-1816," this AD requires replacing that text with "per Boeing document D6-1816 or Boeing SOPM 20-41-02."

(6) Where Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, requires (Option 1)(Action 3) to be accomplished after (Option 1)(Action 2), this AD allows these two actions to be accomplished concurrently.

(7) Where Collins Service Bulletin 737NG-71-008, dated July 28, 2023, referenced in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, specifies to topcoat over the repair area to agree with the initial production topcoat, this AD also allows topcoat to match the surrounding topcoat.

#### (i) No Alternative Actions

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions may be used unless the actions are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in

accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

#### (j) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions specified in paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, dated July 27, 2023, provided where Tables 1 through 4 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, dated June 27, 2024, specify incorporating 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 "System Airworthiness Limitation No. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions" and "System Airworthiness Limitation No. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions" into the operators' maintenance program, the information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (j) of this AD has been incorporated into the airworthiness limitations.

#### Figure 1 to Paragraph (j)—System Airworthiness Limitations

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 2 FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft must install the following modifications: (1) engines inlets with new spacer design and increased fastener capability (2) fan cowls with new radial restraint fitting hooks, new radial restraint clips, and an external doubler at the starter vent (3) fan cowl support beam fastener changes (except for 737.900ER aircraft, because the fan cowl support beam fastener changes are already incorporated). All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2028 unless upgraded to new hardware that is fully compliant to §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to the CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 3 FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft delivered without the Performance Improvement Package (PIP) must install engine exhaust nozzle structural stiffening elements. All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2018 unless upgraded to new hardware that is fully compliant to §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to the CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 4 ENGINE NACELLE MAINTENANCE ERRORS

All aircraft must incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors, e.g., the failure to completely latch the fan cowl or the can cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door. All aircraft that have not incorporated changes to become fully compliant with §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25 cannot be operated past December 31, 2019.

#### (k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

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

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company

Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

#### (l) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Luis Cortez-Muniz, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone: 206-231-3958; email: [luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov](mailto:luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov).

(2) For Collins material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference, contact Collins Aerospace, 15701 West 95th Street, Lenexa, KS 66219; email [ISPublications@collins.com](mailto:ISPublications@collins.com); website [tpi.beaerospace.com/Authentication](http://tpi.beaerospace.com/Authentication).

(3) Boeing material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is

available at the address specified in paragraph (m)(3) this AD.

#### (m) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937 RB, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.com).

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des

Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

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

Issued on February 25, 2025.

**Suzanne Masterson,**

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2424; Project Identifier AD-2024-00416-E; Amendment 39-22970; AD 2025-04-12]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. Engines

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain CFM International, S.A. (CFM) Model LEAP-1A, LEAP-1B, and LEAP-1C engines. This AD was prompted by a manufacturer investigation that revealed a quality escape for low-pressure turbine (LPT) disks made from forgings with nonconforming grain size. This AD requires removal and replacement of the LPT stage 4 and stage 5 disks. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

*AD Docket:* You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2424; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments

received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For CFM material identified in this AD, contact CFM, GE Aviation Fleet Support, 1 Neumann Way, M/D Room 285, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: (877) 432-3272; email: [aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com](mailto:aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com).

• You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2424.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mehdi Lamnyi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7743; email: [mehdi.lamnyi@faa.gov](mailto:mehdi.lamnyi@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain CFM Model LEAP-1A, LEAP-1B, and LEAP-1C engines. The NPRM published in the *Federal Register* on November 8, 2024 (89 FR 88681). The NPRM was prompted by a report of a quality escape on LPT disks made from forgings with nonconforming material grain size on certain CFM Model LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines. The supplier assessed the duplex microstructure using an arithmetic average grain size instead of considering the coarsest grain size. After a re-check of all forgings, the supplier has identified a number of parts with a coarse grain size that is below the drawing requirement. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require removal and replacement of the LPT stage 4 and stage 5 disks at the next piece-part exposure or before exceeding between 2,400 and 19,000 cycles since new, depending on the applicable threshold identified in CFM Service Bulletin (SB) LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024 (CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D)

or CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024 (CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D). The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received comments from two commenters. Commenters included Air Line Pilots Association, International and The Boeing Company. All commenters supported the NPRM without change.

##### Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting the AD as proposed.

Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D; CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D; and CFM SB LEAP-1C-72-00-0100-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024. This material specifies the part numbers and serial numbers of affected LPT disks, and the cycles since new thresholds for the replacement of affected LPT disks. These documents are distinct because they apply to different engine models. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

##### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 13 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates that 2 engines will need removal and replacement of the LEAP-1A LPT stage 5 disk; 8 engines will need removal and replacement of the LEAP-1B LPT stage 5 disk; and 3 engines will need removal and replacement of the LEAP-1B LPT stage 4 disk.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

## ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Remove and replace LEAP-1A LPT stage 5 disk.	150 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$12,750 ....	\$225,500	\$238,250	\$476,500
Remove and replace LEAP-1B LPT stage 5 disk.	150 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$12,750 ....	205,100	217,850	1,742,800
Remove and replace LEAP-1B LPT stage 4 disk.	150 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$12,750 ....	442,800	455,550	1,366,650

**Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

**Regulatory Findings**

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

**The Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator,

the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

**PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES**

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

**§ 39.13 [Amended]**

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-12 CFM International, S.A.:**

Amendment 39-22970; Docket No. FAA-2024-2424; Project Identifier AD-2024-00416-E.

**(a) Effective Date**

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

**(b) Affected ADs**

None.

**(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to the following CFM International, S.A. (CFM) Model engines:

- (1) LEAP-1A23, LEAP-1A24, LEAP-1A24E1, LEAP-1A26, LEAP-1A26CJ, LEAP-1A26E1, LEAP-1A29, LEAP-1A29CJ, LEAP-1A30, LEAP-1A32, LEAP-1A33, LEAP-1A33B2, LEAP-1A35A;
- (2) LEAP-1B21, LEAP-1B23, LEAP-1B25, LEAP-1B27, LEAP-1B28, LEAP-1B28B1, LEAP-1B28B2, LEAP-1B28B2C, LEAP-1B28B3, LEAP-1B28BBJ1, LEAP-1B28BBJ2; and
- (3) LEAP-1C28, LEAP-1C30, and LEAP-1C30B1.

**(d) Subject**

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7250, Turbine Section.

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by a manufacturer investigation that revealed a quality escape for certain low-pressure turbine (LPT) disks made from forgings with nonconforming grain size. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent the fracture and uncontained failure of certain LPT stage 4 and stage 5 disks. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained part release, damage to the engine, and damage to the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

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

**(g) Required Actions**

(1) For LEAP-1A engines with an installed LPT stage 5 disk having a part number (P/N) and serial number (S/N) listed in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3 of CFM Service Bulletin (SB) LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024 (CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D): At the next piece-part exposure of the LPT stage 5 disk, or before exceeding the applicable cycles since new (CSN) threshold identified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3 of CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, remove the LPT stage 5 disk from service and replace with a part eligible for installation.

(2) For LEAP-1B engines with an installed LPT stage 4 disk having a P/N and S/N listed in Table 1 of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024 (CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D): At the next piece-part exposure of the LPT stage 4 disk, or before exceeding the applicable CSN threshold identified in Table 1 of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, remove the LPT stage 4 disk from service and replace with a part eligible for installation.

(3) For LEAP-1B engines with an installed LPT stage 5 disk having a P/N and S/N listed in Table 2 or Table 3 of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D: At the next piece-part exposure of the LPT stage 5 disk, or before exceeding the applicable CSN threshold identified in Table 2 or Table 3 of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, remove the LPT stage 5 disk from service and replace with a part eligible for installation.

**(h) Installation Prohibition**

(1) After the effective date of this AD, do not install an LPT stage 5 disk that has a P/N and S/N identified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3, of CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D, in any LEAP-1A engine.

(2) After the effective date of this AD, do not install an LPT stage 4 disk or LPT stage 5 disk that has a P/N and S/N identified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3, of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D in any LEAP-1B engine.

(3) After the effective date of this AD, do not install an LPT stage 5 disk that has a P/N and S/N identified in Table 1 of CFM SB LEAP-1C-72-00-0100-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024, in any LEAP-1C engine.

### (i) Definitions

For the purpose of this AD:

(1) "LEAP-1A engines" are CFM Model LEAP-1A23, LEAP-1A24, LEAP-1A24E1, LEAP-1A26, LEAP-1A26CJ, LEAP-1A26E1, LEAP-1A29, LEAP-1A29CJ, LEAP-1A30, LEAP-1A32, LEAP-1A33, LEAP-1A33B2, and LEAP-1A35A engines.

(2) "LEAP-1B engines" are CFM Model LEAP-1B21, LEAP-1B23, LEAP-1B25, LEAP-1B27, LEAP-1B28, LEAP-1B28B1, LEAP-1B28B2, LEAP-1B28B2C, LEAP-1B28B3, LEAP-1B28BBJ1, and LEAP-1B28BBJ2 engines.

(3) "LEAP-1C engines" are CFM Model LEAP-1C28, LEAP-1C30, and LEAP-1C30B1 engines.

(4) A "part eligible for installation" on a LEAP-1A engine is an LPT stage 5 disk that does not have a P/N and S/N identified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3 of CFM SB LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D.

(5) A "part eligible for installation" on a LEAP-1B engine is an LPT stage 4 disk or LPT stage 5 disk that does not have a P/N and S/N identified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3 of CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D.

### (j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

### (k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Mehdi Lamnyi, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7743; email: [mehdi.lamnyi@faa.gov](mailto:mehdi.lamnyi@faa.gov).

### (l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) CFM Service Bulletin (SB) LEAP-1A-72-00-0519-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024.

(ii) CFM SB LEAP-1B-72-00-0419-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024.

(iii) CFM SB LEAP-1C-72-00-0100-01A-930A-D, Issue 001-00, dated September 18, 2024.

(3) For CFM material identified in this AD, contact CFM International, S.A., GE Aviation

Fleet Support, 1 Neumann Way, M/D Room 285, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: (877) 432-3272; email: [aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com](mailto:aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com).

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

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

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**Peter A. White,**

*Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

**[Docket No. FAA-2024-2543; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00342-T; Amendment 39-22969; AD 2025-04-11]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

### Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Bombardier, Inc., Model BD-700-2A12 airplanes. This AD was prompted by the discovery that a partial loss of thrust after an engine failure during a required navigation performance authorization required (RNP-AR) approach under certain weight, altitude and temperature (WAT) conditions, may lead to a descent below the specified path guidance. This AD requires a revision to the existing airplane flight manual (AFM), to incorporate updated WAT tables for RNP-AR approach operations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

### ADDRESSES:

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2543; or in person at

Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

### Material Incorporated by Reference:

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

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2543.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Catanzaro, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228-7300; email: [9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Bombardier, Inc., Model BD-700-2A12 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 2024 (89 FR 93528). The NPRM was prompted by AD CF-2024-22, dated June 13, 2024, issued by Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada (referred to after this as the MCAI). The MCAI states it was discovered that a partial loss of thrust after an engine failure during an RNP-AR approach under certain WAT conditions, may lead to a descent below 75 feet of the path guidance, requiring a go-around. The resultant vertical deviation may exceed allowable approach containment for obstacle clearance and may largely reduce the safety margins in the missed approach.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require a revision to the existing AFM, to incorporate updated WAT tables for RNP-AR approach operations that contain possible vertical deviations within the 75-foot requirement. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2543.

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received a comment from an individual who did not make a request the FAA can act on.

##### Conclusion

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of

Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed (Bombardier) Global 7500 Airplane Flight Manual

Temporary Revision TR-58, dated March 21, 2024. This material specifies procedures to update WAT tables for RNP-AR approach operations to contain possible vertical deviations within the 75-foot requirement. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

#### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 70 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 .....	\$0	\$85	\$5,950

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

(1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative,

on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-11 Bombardier, Inc.: Amendment 39-22969; Docket No. FAA-2024-2543; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00342 T.**

##### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Bombardier, Inc., Model BD-700-2A12 airplanes.

##### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 34, Navigation.

##### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by the discovery that a partial loss of thrust after an engine failure during a required navigation performance authorization required (RNP-AR) approach under certain weight, altitude, and temperature (WAT) conditions, may lead to a descent below 75 feet of the path guidance, requiring a go-around. The resultant vertical deviation may exceed allowable approach containment for obstacle clearance and may reduce the safety margins in the missed approach.

##### (f) Compliance

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

##### (g) Revision of Existing Airplane Flight Manual (AFM)

Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing AFM to include the information specified in (Bombardier) Global 7500 Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision TR-58, dated March 21, 2024.

##### (h) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (i) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov). Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

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

**(i) Additional Information**

For more information about this AD, contact Joseph Catanzaro, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228-7300; email: [9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov).

**(j) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

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

(i) (Bombardier) Global 7500 Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision TR-58, dated March 21, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

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

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

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

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**Victor Wicklund,**  
Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2540; Project Identifier AD-2024-00343-E; Amendment 39-22974; AD 2025-05-02]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain General Electric Company (GE) Model CT7-5A2, CT7-5A3, CT7-7A, CT7-7A1, CT7-9B, CT7-9B1, CT7-9B2, CT7-9C, CT7-9C3, CT7-9D, and CT7-9D2 engines. This AD was prompted by the manufacturer's determination that certain GE Model CT7 fleets have affected cooling plates installed that do not meet lifting guidelines. This AD requires replacement of the stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate and the stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES: AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2540; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sungmo Cho, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Replace stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate and stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate.	8 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$680.	\$88,360	\$89,040	\$20,301,120

The above costs presume that the installed engine requires replacement of both the stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate and stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate. It is possible that only one of

these needs replacement, thus reducing the cost of this AD.

**Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain GE Model CT7-5A2, CT7-5A3, CT7-7A, CT7-7A1, CT7-9B, CT7-9B1, CT7-9B2, CT7-9C, CT7-9C3, CT7-9D, and CT7-9D2 engines. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2024 (89 FR 93228). The NPRM was prompted by the manufacturer's determination that certain GE Model CT7 fleets have affected cooling plates installed that do not meet lifting guidelines. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require replacement of the stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate and the stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive**

**Comments**

The FAA received one comment from the Airline Pilots Association, International. The commenter supported the NPRM without change.

**Conclusion**

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting the AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM.

**Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 228 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

#### 2025-05-02 General Electric Company:

Amendment 39-22974; Docket No. FAA-2024-2540; Project Identifier AD-2024-00343-E.

##### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to General Electric Company (GE) Model CT7-5A2, CT7-5A3, CT7-7A, CT7-7A1, CT7-9B, CT7-9B1, CT7-

9B2, CT7-9C, CT7-9C3, CT7-9D, and CT7-9D2 engines with an installed stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate having part number (P/N) 6064T08P01; or with an installed stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate having P/N 6064T07P05 or P/N 6068T36P01.

##### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7200, Engine (Turbine/Turboprop).

##### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by the manufacturer's determination that certain GE Model CT7 fleets have affected cooling plates installed that do not meet lifting guidelines. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent the failure of the stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate and stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

##### (f) Compliance

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

##### (g) Required Actions

Within the compliance times specified in paragraphs (g)(1) through (3) of this AD, replace the affected stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate or stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate, as applicable, with a replacement P/N eligible for installation, in accordance with table 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (g) of this AD:

TABLE 1 TO THE INTRODUCTORY TEXT OF PARAGRAPH (g)—COOLING PLATE REPLACEMENT P/NS

Engine group	Part name	Affected P/N	Replacement P/N
1 .....	Stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate .....	6064T08P01 .....	6064T08P04.
1 .....	Stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate .....	6064T07P05 .....	6064T07P07.
1 .....	Stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate .....	6068T36P01 .....	6068T36P04.
2 .....	Stage 1 turbine forward cooling plate .....	6064T08P01 .....	6064T08P03 or 6064T08P04.
2 .....	Stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate .....	6064T07P05 .....	6064T07P07.
2 .....	Stage 2 turbine aft cooling plate .....	6068T36P01 .....	6068T36P04.

(1) For Group 1 engines with an affected part installed, replace the affected part at the next exposure of the gas generator stator assembly that occurs after the effective date of this AD.

(2) For Group 2 engines with an affected part installed having 7,000 part cycles since new (PCSN) or less as of the effective date of this AD, replace the affected part at the next exposure of the gas generator stator assembly or within 2,000 flight cycles (FCs) but before reaching 7,500 PCSN, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD.

(3) For Group 2 engines with an affected part installed having more than 7,000 PCSN as of the effective date of this AD, replace the affected part at the next exposure of the gas generator stator assembly or within 500 FCs, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD.

##### (h) Definitions

For the purpose of this AD:

(1) “Group 1 engines” are GE Model CT7-5A2, CT7-5A3, CT7-9B, CT7-9B1, CT7-9B2, CT7-9D, and CT7-9D2 engines.

(2) “Group 2 engines” are GE Model CT7-7A, CT7-7A1, CT7-9C, and CT7-9C3 engines.

(3) “Exposure of the gas generator stator assembly” is when the gas generator rotor and stator assembly are separated from the combustor module.

##### (i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as

appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the AIR-520 Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

##### (j) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Sungmo Cho, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; phone: (781) 238-7241; email: [sungmo.d.cho@faa.gov](mailto:sungmo.d.cho@faa.gov).

##### (k) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued on February 25, 2025.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2549; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00359-T; Amendment 39-22965; AD 2025-04-07]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200, A330-200 Freighter, and A330-300 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of contamination of the advanced pneumatic detector pressure switch of engine pylon fire detectors. This AD requires replacement of the affected parts and prohibits installation of affected parts, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2549; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information

(MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADS@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADS@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](http://easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2549.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vladimir Ulyanov, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3229; email [vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov](mailto:vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain Airbus SAS Model 330-200, A330-200 Freighter, and A330-300 series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2024 (89 FR 97562). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024-0119, dated June 27, 2024, issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union (EASA AD 2024-0119) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states occurrences were reported of contamination of the advanced pneumatic detector pressure switch of engine pylon fire detectors.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require replacement of the affected parts and to prohibit installation of affected parts, as specified in EASA AD 2024-0119. The FAA is issuing this AD to address such contamination, which

could affect the reliability of the engine pylon fire detector, possibly leading to an undetected fire and consequent reduced control of the airplane.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2549.

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received a comment from Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

##### Conclusion

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on this product. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2024-0119 specifies procedures for replacement of the affected engine pylon fire detector and prohibits installation of affected engine pylon fire detectors. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

##### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 6 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
7 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$595 .....	\$828	\$1,423	\$8,538

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I,

section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more

detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in

Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-07 Airbus SAS:** Amendment 39-22965; Docket No. FAA-2024-2549; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00359-T.

#### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus SAS Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -223F, -243, -243F, -301, -302, -303, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024-0119, dated June 27, 2024 (EASA AD 2024-0119).

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 26, Fire protection.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of contamination of the advanced pneumatic detector pressure switch of engine pylon fire detectors. The FAA is issuing this AD to address this contamination. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could affect the reliability of the engine pylon fire detector, possibly leading to an undetected fire and consequent reduced control of the airplane.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraphs (h) and (i) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2024-0119.

#### (h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2024-0119

(1) Where EASA AD 2024-0119 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where paragraph (1) of the EASA AD 2024-0119 states to “replace each affected part with a serviceable part in accordance with the instructions of the SB” this AD requires replacing that text with “replace each affected part with a serviceable part in accordance with the applicable tasks for removal and installation of the affected parts as specified in the accomplishment instructions of the SB.”

(3) Where EASA AD 2024-0119 defines a serviceable part as “Engine pylon fire detector, eligible for installation in accordance with Airbus instructions, which is not an affected part” for this AD replace that text with “Engine pylon fire detector, eligible for installation that is not an affected part.”

(4) This AD does not adopt the “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2024-0119.

#### (i) No Return of Parts Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2024-0119 specifies to send affected pylon fire detectors to Kidde Technologies Inc., this AD does not include that requirement.

#### (j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14

CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov). Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC):* Except as required by paragraphs (i) and (j)(2) of this AD, if any material contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator’s maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

#### (k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Vladimir Ulyanov, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206-231-3229; email [vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov](mailto:vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov).

#### (l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2024-0119, dated June 27, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](http://easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](http://ad.easa.europa.eu).

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

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA,

visit [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations) or email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov).

Issued on February 18, 2025.

**Peter A. White,**

Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2023-2235; Project Identifier AD-2023-01009-T; Amendment 39-22961; AD 2025-04-03]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane damaging the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. The FBO events also resulted in cracks in the primary exhaust nozzle, potentially resulting in the departure of the primary exhaust nozzle and damaging a stabilizer or striking the fuselage and window. This AD requires an inspection or maintenance records check to determine if the primary exhaust nozzle has an affected part number and, for affected primary exhaust nozzles, an installation of bridge brackets onto the primary exhaust nozzle, or as an option, an installation of a serviceable primary exhaust nozzle. This AD also requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

#### ADDRESSES:

*AD Docket:* You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket

No. FAA-2023-2235; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### *Material Incorporated by Reference:*

- For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.com).

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2023-2235.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Cortez-Muniz, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone: 206-231-3958; email: [luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov](mailto:luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2023 (88 FR 86080). The NPRM was prompted by two engine FBO events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane damaging the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. The FBO events also resulted in cracks in the primary exhaust nozzle, potentially resulting in the departure of the primary exhaust nozzle and damaging a stabilizer or striking the fuselage and window. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require an inspection or maintenance records check to determine if the primary exhaust nozzle has an affected part number and, for affected primary exhaust nozzles, an installation of bridge brackets onto the primary exhaust nozzle, or as an option, an installation of a serviceable primary exhaust nozzle.

This AD also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations (System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4).

maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition related to the primary exhaust nozzle that was also a result of the FBO events. During an FBO event, primary exhaust nozzles that are not strengthened could depart the engine, potentially damaging a stabilizer or striking the fuselage and window. This condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane, or in a rapid decompression and hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing.

#### Other Related Rulemaking

The FAA issued three NPRM ADs related to Exemption No. 19212A, dated September 7, 2023 (Docket No. FAA-2021-0681) (Exemption No. 19212A), which requires Boeing to develop modifications to the inlet cowl, fan cowl, and exhaust nozzle for operators to incorporate by July 31, 2028. Exemption No. 19212A further requires Boeing to provide solutions to address maintenance errors. Exemption No. 19212A also requires Boeing to develop airworthiness limitations for the modifications and solutions to address maintenance errors.

The NPRM for this AD, Docket No. FAA-2023-2235, refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the exhaust nozzle.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2234 (88 FR 86069, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the fan cowl.

The NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2236 (88 FR 86084, December 12, 2023) refers to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the proposed modifications to the inlet cowl.

All three NPRMs also proposed to require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations (System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4).

## Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

### Comments

The FAA received comments from Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received additional comments from 10 commenters, including AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Aviation Partners Boeing, Boeing, Delta Airlines, Qantas, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, and Virgin Australia Airlines. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

### Request for Clarifying Part Interchangeability

Sun Country Airlines stated there is a possibility of an aircraft becoming out of compliance due to replacement of a modified exhaust nozzle with an unmodified exhaust nozzle. Sun Country Airlines stated that other rulemaking that has affected components has had wording identifying or limiting pre- and post-modification installation/ interchangeability. The FAA infers Sun Country Airlines is requesting that the FAA add a note to the proposed AD to specify a modified exhaust nozzle cannot be replaced with an unmodified exhaust nozzle.

The FAA agrees to clarify. 14 CFR 39.7 specifies that once an AD is issued, no person may operate a product to which the AD applies except in accordance with the requirements of that AD. Further, 14 CFR 39.9 imposes a continuing obligation to maintain compliance with an AD by establishing a separate violation for each time an aircraft is operated that fails to meet AD requirements. Thus, operators have an ongoing obligation to ensure that the AD-mandated configuration is maintained. Additionally, it is not possible to install an affected primary exhaust nozzle on airplanes not identified in the applicability of this AD. Therefore, adding the part restriction note would not be necessary since all affected Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes are required to accomplish Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

### Request To Refer to Later Revisions of the Service Information

Southwest Airlines requested that the FAA change paragraphs (g) and (h) of

the proposed AD to reference Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, which is pending publication. Southwest Airlines asked that the FAA not publish the AD until the release of Revision 1 and allow credit for previous accomplishment of the original issue of the requirements bulletin.

The FAA has reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. This revision adds airplane line numbers 1245, 1614, 1810, 1839, 1885, 1934, 1979, 1991, 2080, 2157, 2232, 2531, 2822, 3071, 3189, and 3319 to the effectivity (which were listed in paragraph (c)(2) of the proposed AD). This revision also adds "System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance Errors" to the actions to incorporate airworthiness limitations. The AWLs are now incorporated into Revision 1 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB. This information can now be required via Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, instead of as an exception to the service information.

In addition to incorporating the AWL information that was specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, the only other changes to the "Compliance" paragraph and Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, were to reference the NPRM, clarify Note 1 that describes the "Enhanced Required for Compliance" document, clarify a certain part nomenclature and clarify the location of a certain pin. None of these changes substantively affect the required actions on operators but instead are clarifying.

Therefore, the FAA has revised this AD to refer to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, including revising the applicability of this AD to only refer to Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, since the line numbers identified in paragraph (c)(2) of the proposed AD are included in the service information. The FAA also added paragraph (j) of this AD to provide credit for previous work performed prior to the effective date of this AD.

### Request for AWL Compliance Time Extension

AIRDO, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Sun Country Airlines, Qantas, and Virgin

Australia Airlines requested the compliance time for revising the existing maintenance or inspection program be extended from before further flight as specified in the proposed AD to a longer compliance time. Compliance time requests varied from 30 days to 12 months. Some commenters stated that the "before further flight" requirement should be removed altogether. Several commenters noted that incorporating the AWLs before further flight after modification was not possible since the AWLs were not published at the same time as the modification bulletins. Qantas requested that for airplanes on which the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB has already been done, the FAA allow figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD to be incorporated within 30 days after the effective date of the AD instead of before further flight after accomplishing actions specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB. Virgin Australian Airlines requested credit for completing the modification of the exhaust nozzle prior to the AD's effective date. Sun Country Airlines also expressed concern that the AWL revision and updated requirements have not been approved or released via normal distribution channels.

The FAA disagrees with changing the compliance time but acknowledges the concern regarding the compliance time for airplanes on which the modification was done prior to adoption of this AD and availability of the updated AWL. However, the requirement to incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with Exemption No. 19212A, Docket No. FAA-2021-0681 and is part of the change to type design. The FAA provided a time-limited exemption (TLE) to Boeing, Exemption No. 19212A. The TLE includes a limitation to require the AWLs to be incorporated as part of the type design for each of the modifications which include engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. As the modification plus the AWL is required to maintain a compliant design, the AD will maintain the "before further flight" requirement.

The FAA also notes that paragraph (f) of this AD states to accomplish the required actions within the compliance times specified, "unless already done." Therefore, if operators have accomplished the modification and incorporation of the AWLs required for compliance with this AD before the

effective date of this AD, no further action is necessary.

#### Request the Removal of AWL Incorporation

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Sun Country Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and Qantas requested removing the requirements to incorporate some or all of the AWLs specified in the proposed AD (System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4). The commenters pointed out that paragraph (h) of the proposed AD specifies incorporating certain AWLs included in Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01. The commenters noted that the current Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 does not include the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text to paragraph (h) of the proposed AD, which are vague and do not provide a definitive action to address the unsafe condition identified in the proposed AD. Qantas stated that operators do not have instructions to modify the inlet cowls and fan cowls in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, and suggested that System Airworthiness Limitation No. 2 be removed from the proposed AD and only be located in the NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2234 and the NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-2236 where it is more suited.

Sun Country Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 does not appear to be related to the events that prompted the NPRM and is not related to the intent of this ruling. Southwest stated that incorporating System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 places responsibility on the operator, rather than the manufacturer, to be compliant and produce solutions. Southwest added that Boeing has a responsibility to define "potential maintenance errors" and to provide specific modification or inspection procedures to mitigate those errors. Some commenters also raised concerns that an immediate change to the maintenance program would not provide additional safety measures. American Airlines expressed further concern that the new proposed requirements may result in airplanes being out of revenue service while waiting on an operator's Certificate Management Office (CMO) to process the maintenance program change. Delta recommended that the FAA transfer the AWL requirements into a separate AD.

The FAA disagrees with removing some or all of the AWLs specified in this AD. The FAA requirement to

incorporate the AWLs before further flight is in accordance with the modifications required by Exemption No. 19212A to address the unsafe condition. Furthermore, the TLE includes a limitation to require that the AWLs be incorporated as part of the type design for modifications to the engine inlet, fan cowl and fan cowl support beam, and exhaust nozzle. Therefore, once one of the modification bulletins (Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1937 RB, 737-71-1938 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB) is accomplished, all the AWLs specified in this AD need to be incorporated into the operators' maintenance program so the operator can maintain a compliant design and address the unsafe condition. System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 were created to address the TLE requirements and the unsafe condition.

A new version of the AWLs has been released, Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01, dated January 2024, that includes the AWLs identified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, includes procedures to incorporate those new AWLs. Therefore, the FAA has determined that incorporating the new AWLs must be done as part of the requirements of this AD and not in a separate AD.

#### Request To Change AWL Compliance Time

Southwest Airlines suggested either a service data due date of December 31, 2024 to align with the time-limited exemption, Exemption No. 19212A be added to the proposed AD or that the FAA remove the AWL requirements from the proposed AD. Southwest Airlines stated System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 do not provide a defined date for Boeing to release all service data to operators. Therefore, without a defined date for Boeing to release all service data, there is concern that operators may not be given sufficient time to perform the required modifications prior to the AD's completion due date.

The FAA disagrees with the commenter's request. As previously mentioned, a new AWL revision has been released that includes the System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3, and No. 4. The service information for System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3 has been

released, *i.e.*, Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, dated July 27, 2023, and Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024; and Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, dated September 1, 2023, and Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. Although service information to address System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 has not yet been released, the FAA has coordinated with Boeing to better understand the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, which requires the incorporation of solutions to address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors into operators' maintenance programs. The solutions are intended to prevent the unlatching of the fan cowl and fan cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door in flight. The solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. The FAA has added an exception to paragraph (h)(2) of this AD to clarify solutions as required in AWL No. 4. Operators have until December 31, 2029, to incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors as specified in AWL No. 4 and clarified in this AD.

#### Request for Clarification Regarding AWL Requirement

Delta Air Lines, Qantas, and American Airlines asked for clarification on what would be required to meet System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4. The commenters stated adequate instructions are not included in the AWLs. Therefore, additional details are needed to clarify these requirements and provide a clear path to comply with the AWLs specified in figure 1 to the introductory text of paragraph (h) of the proposed AD. Furthermore, certain operators do not believe this meets 14 CFR 43.16, and System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4 is an unexpected demand.

The FAA agrees to clarify. Accomplishing the modification specified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletins 737-71-1938 RB, 737-71-1937 RB, and 737-78-1106 RB satisfies the requirements of System Airworthiness Limitations No. 2 and No. 3. This also satisfies the requirement of 14 CFR 43.16 to perform inspections or maintenance in accordance with the AWLs.

As denoted in paragraph 4., "Approval" of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1938,

Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of item (1) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2.”

As denoted in paragraph 4., “Approval” of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-71-1937, Revision 1, dated June 27, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of items (2) and (3) of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 2.”

As denoted in paragraph 4., “Approval” of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, the accomplishment of that requirements bulletin meets the requirements of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION NO. 3—FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS.”

As previously stated, the FAA coordinated with Boeing to determine potential maintenance errors that require solutions in accordance with System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4. To comply with this AD and the System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, solutions will consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the IDG door. If any specific service information is provided or further solutions are incorporated to address potential maintenance errors,

the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

#### **Request for Change to Exception (System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4)**

Boeing requested appending the following statement to the end of System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4.: “Boeing will release all service data to enable full compliance for the CFM56-7B nacelle for addressing potential maintenance errors prior to that date.” Boeing stated that the statement would correspond to the systems included in AWL No. 2 and 3.

The FAA agrees to clarify. As previously mentioned, the recently released new Boeing AWL document includes System AWL No. 4. The new AWL includes the text as requested by Boeing. Therefore, no change to this AD is necessary.

#### **Effect of Winglets on Accomplishment of the Proposed Actions**

Aviation Partners Boeing (APB) stated that the installation of winglets per supplemental type certificate (STC) ST00830SE on applicable Boeing models subject to the proposed rule does not affect compliance with the mandated actions in this AD.

The FAA agrees with the commenter that STC ST00830SE does not affect the ability to accomplish the actions required by this AD. The FAA has not changed this AD in this regard.

#### **Conclusion**

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial

changes, and any other changes described previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### **Related Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51**

The FAA reviewed Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024. This material specifies procedures for a maintenance records check, or an inspection of the engine to identify if the engine has a primary exhaust nozzle with an affected part number. For affected primary exhaust nozzles, the service information specifies procedures for installing bridge brackets onto the primary exhaust nozzle, or as an option, installing a serviceable exhaust nozzle onto the engine. This material also specifies the incorporation of Boeing 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions,” “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions”, and “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 4—Engine Nacelle Maintenance errors” into the operator’s maintenance or inspection program.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

#### **Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 1,215 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### **ESTIMATED COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspect for affected part numbers or maintenance records check.	2 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$170	\$0 .....	\$170 .....	\$206,550.
Bridge bracket installation.*	Up 23 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,955.	Up \$63,200 .....	Up to \$65,155 .....	Up to \$79,163,325.**

\* The option to install a serviceable primary exhaust nozzle would cost up to \$65,155 per product.

\*\* Not all airplanes will have an affected primary exhaust nozzle so the fleet cost will be significantly lower.

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has

determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the agency estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

#### **Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

### Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

##### 2025-04-03 The Boeing Company:

Amendment 39-22961; Docket No. FAA-2023-2235; Project Identifier AD-2023-01009-T.

##### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER series airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024.

##### (d) Subject

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

##### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by two engine fan blade-out (FBO) events that resulted in the separation of engine inlet cowl and fan cowl parts from the airplane damaging the fuselage, which caused loss of pressurization and subsequent emergency descent. The FBO events also resulted in cracks in the primary exhaust nozzle, which could result in the departure of the primary exhaust nozzle. The FAA is issuing this AD to address primary exhaust nozzles that are not strengthened, which during an FBO event, could depart the engine, potentially damaging a stabilizer or striking the fuselage and window. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of control of the airplane, or in a rapid decompression and hazard to window-seated passengers aft of the wing.

##### (f) Compliance

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

##### (g) Required Actions

Except as specified by paragraph (h) of this AD: At the applicable times specified in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024.

**Note 1 to paragraph (g):** Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-78-1106, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, which is referred to in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024.

#### (h) Exceptions to Requirements Bulletin Specifications

(1) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, refer to the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where System Airworthiness Limitation No. 4, as identified in Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024, requires incorporation of solutions to address potential engine nacelle maintenance errors, solutions consist of a re-designed fan cowl latch and keeper and application of high visibility paint on the interior of the integrated drive generator (IDG) door.

#### (i) No Alternative Actions

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions may be used unless the actions are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k) of this AD.

#### (j) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions specified in paragraph (g) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, dated September 1, 2023, provided where Tables 1 and 2 of Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB specify incorporating 737-600/700/700C/800/900/900ER Airworthiness Limitations (AWLs) Document D626A001-9-01 “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 2—Fan Blade Out Conditions,” and “System Airworthiness Limitation NO. 3—Fan Blade Out Conditions” into the operators’ maintenance program, the information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (j) of this AD has been incorporated into the airworthiness limitations.

#### Figure 1 to Paragraph (j)—System Airworthiness Limitations

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 2 FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft must install the following modifications: (1) engines inlets with new spacer design and increased fastener capability (2) fan cowls with new radial restraint fitting hooks, new radial restraint clips, and an external doubler at the starter vent (3) fan cowl support beam fastener changes (except for 737-900ER aircraft, because the fan cowl support beam fastener changes are already incorporated). All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2028 unless upgraded to new hardware that is fully compliant to §§25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to the CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

#### SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 3 FAN BLADE OUT CONDITIONS

All aircraft delivered without the Performance Improvement Package (PIP) must install engine exhaust nozzle structural stiffening elements. All aircraft that have not incorporated these modifications cannot operate past July 31, 2028 unless upgraded to new hardware that is fully compliant to §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25. Boeing will release all service data to allow retrofit of hardware updates to CFM56-7B nacelle prior to that date.

**SYSTEM AIRWORTHINESS LIMITATION No. 4**  
**ENGINE NACELLE MAINTENANCE ERRORS**

All aircraft must incorporate solutions to address potential maintenance errors, *e.g.*, the failure to completely latch the fan cowl or the can cowl integrated drive generator (IDG) door. All aircraft that have not incorporated changes to become fully compliant with §§ 25.901(c) and Appendix K25.1.1 to Part 25 cannot be operated past December 31, 2029.

**(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(1) The Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *AMOC@faa.gov*.

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

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, AIR-520, Continued Operational Safety Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

**(l) Related Information**

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Luis Cortez-Muniz, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone: 206-231-3958; email: *luis.a.cortez-muniz@faa.gov*.

(2) Boeing material identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the address specified in paragraph (m)(3) this AD.

**(m) Material Incorporated by Reference**

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

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

(i) Boeing Special Attention Requirements Bulletin 737-78-1106 RB, Revision 1, dated May 23, 2024.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Boeing material identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website *myboeingfleet.com*.

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

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

Issued on February 25, 2025.

**Suzanne Masterson,**

*Deputy Director, Integrated Certificate Management Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2024-2135; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00157-G; Amendment 39-22972; AD 2025-04-14]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus and Duo Discus T gliders. This AD was prompted by reports of gliders' canopies opening during air tow. This AD requires modifying the canopy locking mechanism. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 8, 2025.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of April 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:**

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket

No. FAA-2024-2135; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

*Material Incorporated by Reference:*

- For Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH material identified in this AD, contact Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH, Krebenstrasse 25, Kirchheim unter Teck, Germany; phone: +49 7021 7298-0; email: *info@schempp-hirth.com*; website: *schempp-hirth.com*.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2024-2135.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Guerin, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (206) 231-2346; email: *fred.guerin@faa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus and Duo Discus T gliders. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2024 (89 FR 70580). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024-0059, dated March 5, 2024, issued by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union (EASA AD 2024-0059) (also referred to as the MCAI). The MCAI states that occurrences have been reported of the canopy opening during air tow on the Model Duo Discus and Nimbus gliders. The investigation concluded that the fuselage could be

temporarily deformed due to forces related to acceleration, which allowed the locking mechanism to move into the open position. These conditions, if not addressed, could lead to the canopy opening in flight, resulting in loss of control of the glider.

In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require modifying the canopy locking mechanism. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-2135.

## Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

### Comments

The FAA received a comment from an individual who supported the NPRM without change.

The FAA received additional comments from two individual commenters. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.

### Requests To Withdraw the NPRM

An individual commenter noted that the service information was presented by the factory on July 2, 2004, and it was not clear why in October 2024 there is now an issue with these gliders. The commenter further stated that the canopy locking mechanism works as designed when used properly and that although an inexperienced pilot could close the canopy, slide the levers forward, and not have the canopy properly latched, learning how to correctly latch the canopy is a matter of education rather than an indication that an AD is needed. The FAA infers that the commenter requested that the NPRM be withdrawn.

Another commenter stated that an AD is not warranted because, regardless of additional mechanisms, pilots must properly confirm canopy closure and latching and brief passengers on remaining clear of the canopy latch. The commenter mentioned that most instances of canopies opening are the result of pilot error and personally witnessed inexperienced pilots in the front seat rest their hand on the canopy latch to catch airflow along the canopy and that this is an unacceptable practice

and should be corrected by the pilot in charge, as well as covered during the pre-flight briefing with any new pilot or passenger.

The FAA disagrees with the commenters' requests. The FAA issues an AD once an unsafe condition has been identified and the unsafe condition is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design. Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH issued technical notes in 2004 and 2005 based upon data gathered from numerous glider operators. However, a subsequent fatal accident in 2023 highlights the risk associated with the inadequate design. While the FAA agrees with the comment that a proper preflight inspection includes confirming a canopy closure, the fatal accident in 2023 indicates that the risks associated with the inadequate design still exist. The FAA agrees with EASA's risk assessment that an unsafe condition exists on the affected gliders and an AD action is necessary.

The FAA has not changed this AD regarding these comments.

### Request To Revise Applicability

An individual commenter stated that the applicability in the proposed AD is Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus and Duo Discus T gliders, all serial numbers, certificated in any category, but Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau Technical Note No. 380-1, No. 396-6, dated July 27, 2004, with Appendix to Technical Note No. 380-1/396-6, only specifies Duo Discus sailplanes with serial numbers 1 to 422. The FAA infers that the commenter is requesting that the applicability be revised to specify gliders with specific serial numbers.

The FAA agrees. The FAA revised paragraph (c) of this AD, Applicability, to specify Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus gliders serial numbers (S/Ns) 1 through 422 (inclusive) and Duo Discus T gliders S/Ns 1 through 96 (inclusive), certificated in any category.

### Conclusion

These products have been approved by the aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the

FAA's bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, it has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for any other changes discussed previously, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

### Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 380-1, No. 396-6 dated July 27, 2004, with Appendix to Technical Note No. 380-1/396-6 attached (issued as one document); and Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 868-4, No. 890-5 dated February 23, 2005, with Appendix to Technical Note No. 868-4/890-5 attached (issued as one document), which specify procedures for installing a compression spring in the canopy locking mechanism, installing spring washers at the canopy actuating levers, and modifying the front actuating lever to include a magnet and applying a red mark to the front and aft inside the left canopy frame or installing a front actuating lever that has a magnet.

This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

### Differences Between This AD and the MCAI

While the MCAI applies to Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Nimbus-4D and Nimbus-4DT/DM gliders, this AD does not because these models do not have an FAA type certificate.

### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 34 gliders of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Modify canopy locking mechanism .....	2 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$170 .....	\$100	\$270	\$9,180

## Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

## Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

## The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

## PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, 44701.

### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2025-04-14 Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH:** Amendment 39-22972; Docket No. FAA-2024-2135; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00157-G.

#### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 8, 2025.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo Discus gliders serial numbers (S/Ns) 1 through 422 (inclusive) and Duo Discus T gliders S/Ns 1 through 96 (inclusive), certificated in any category.

#### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 5200, Doors; 5210, Passenger/Crew Doors.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of gliders' canopies opening during air tow. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the canopy locking mechanism opening during flight. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to the canopy opening in flight, resulting in loss of control of the glider.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Required Actions

Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the canopy locking mechanism by installing a compression spring in the canopy locking mechanism, installing spring washers at the canopy actuating levers, modifying the front actuating lever to include a magnet and applying a red mark to the front and aft inside the left canopy frame; or installing a front actuating lever that has a magnet, in accordance with the applicable technical note specified in paragraph (g)(1) or (2) of this AD.

(1) For Model Duo Discus gliders: Appendix to Technical Note No. 380-1/396-6 attached to Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 380-1, No. 396-6 dated July 27, 2004 (issued as one document).

(2) For Model Duo Discus T gliders: Appendix to Technical Note No. 868-4/890-5 attached to Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 868-4, No. 890-5 dated February 23, 2005 (issued as one document).

#### (h) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation

Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (i) of this AD or email to: [AMOC@faa.gov](mailto:AMOC@faa.gov). If mailing information, also submit information by email. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

#### (i) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Fred Guerin, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (206) 231-2346; email: [fred.guerin@faa.gov](mailto:fred.guerin@faa.gov).

#### (j) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 380-1, No. 396-6 dated July 27, 2004, with Appendix to Technical Note No. 380-1/396-6 attached (issued as one document).

(ii) Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Technical Note No. 868-4, No. 890-5 dated February 23, 2005, with Appendix to Technical Note No. 868-4/890-5 attached (issued as one document).

(3) For Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH material identified in this AD, contact Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH, Krebenstrasse 25, Kirchheim unter Teck, Germany; phone: +49 7021 7298-0; email: [info@schempp-hirth.com](mailto:info@schempp-hirth.com); website: [schempp-hirth.com](http://schempp-hirth.com).

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

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

Issued on February 21, 2025.

**Steven W. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 97****[Docket No. 31592; Amdt. No. 4154]****Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

**DATES:** This rule is effective March 4, 2025. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Availability of matter incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

**For Examination**

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops-M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001;

2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;

3. The office of Aeronautical Information Services, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,

4. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations) or email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov).

**Availability**

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center online at [nfdc.faa.gov](http://nfdc.faa.gov) to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas J. Nichols, Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration. Mailing Address: FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., STB Annex, Bldg. 26, Room 217, Oklahoma City, OK 73099. Telephone: (405) 954-1139.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule amends 14 CFR part 97 by amending the referenced SIAPs. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP is listed on the appropriate FAA Form 8260, as modified by the National Flight Data Center (NFDc)/Permanent Notice to Air Missions (P-NOTAM), and is incorporated by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The large number of SIAPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make their verbatim publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, pilots do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, but refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP contained on FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections, and specifies the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure and the amendment number.

**Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference**

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

**The Rule**

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. For safety and timeliness of change considerations, this amendment incorporates only specific changes contained for each SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP as modified by FDC permanent NOTAMs.

The SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, as modified by FDC permanent NOTAM, and contained in this amendment are based on criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these changes to SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied only to specific conditions existing at the affected airports. All SIAP amendments in this rule have been previously issued by the FAA in a FDC NOTAM as an emergency action of immediate flight safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for these SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments require making them effective in less than 30 days.

Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making these SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97**

Air traffic control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2025.

**Thomas J. Nichols,**  
Standards Section Manager, Flight  
Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight  
Technologies and Procedures Division, Office  
of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service,  
Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation  
Administration.

### Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 14 CFR part 97 is amended by amending Standard

Instrument Approach Procedures and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

### PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, Identified as follows:

\* \* \* Effective Upon Publication

AIRAC date	State	City	Airport	FDC No.	FDC date	Procedure name
20-Mar-25 ...	GA	Atlanta .....	Cobb County Intl/Mccollum Fld	5/5991	1/24/25	RNAV (GPS) RWY 27, Amdt 5.
20-Mar-25 ...	GA	Atlanta .....	Cobb County Intl/Mccollum Fld	5/5995	1/24/25	VOR/DME RWY 9, Amdt 2B.
20-Mar-25 ...	ID	Paris .....	Bear Lake County .....	5/6168	1/29/25	RNAV (GPS) RWY 28, Amdt 1.
20-Mar-25 ...	ID	Paris .....	Bear Lake County .....	5/6169	1/29/25	RNAV (GPS) RWY 10, Amdt 1.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 31591; Amdt. No. 4153]

#### Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule establishes, amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure procedures (ODPs) for operations at certain airports. These regulatory actions are needed because of the adoption of new or revised criteria, or because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System, such as the commissioning of new navigational facilities, adding new obstacles, or changing air traffic requirements. These changes are designed to provide safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under instrument flight rules at the affected airports.

**DATES:** This rule is effective March 4, 2025. The compliance date for each SIAP, associated Takeoff Minimums, and ODP is specified in the amendatory provisions.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director

of the Federal Register as of March 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Availability of matters incorporated by reference in the amendment is as follows:

#### For Examination

1. U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Ops-M30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Bldg., Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
2. The FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located;
3. The office of Aeronautical Information Services, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169 or,
4. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations) or email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov).

#### Availability

All SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs are available online free of charge. Visit the National Flight Data Center at [nfdc.faa.gov](http://nfdc.faa.gov) to register. Additionally, individual SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP copies may be obtained from the FAA Air Traffic Organization Service Area in which the affected airport is located.

#### For Further Information Contact:

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and Airspace Group, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., STB Annex, Bldg. 26, Room 217, Oklahoma City, OK 73099. Telephone (405) 954-1139.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule amends 14 CFR part 97 by establishing, amending, suspending, or removes SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPs. The complete regulatory description of each SIAP and its associated Takeoff Minimums or ODP for an identified airport is listed on FAA form documents which are incorporated by reference in this amendment under 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 1 CFR part 51, and 14 CFR 97.20. The applicable FAA Forms are 8260-3, 8260-4, 8260-5, 8260-15A, 8260-15B, when required by an entry on 8260-15A, and 8260-15C.

The large number of SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, their complex nature, and the need for a special format make publication in the **Federal Register** expensive and impractical. Further, pilots do not use the regulatory text of the SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums or ODPs, but instead refer to their graphic depiction on charts printed by publishers of aeronautical materials. Thus, the advantages of incorporation by reference are realized and publication of the complete description of each SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP listed on FAA form documents is unnecessary. This amendment provides the affected CFR sections and specifies the types of SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs with their applicable effective dates. This amendment also identifies the airport and its location, the procedure, and the amendment number.

## Availability and Summary of Material Incorporated by Reference

The material incorporated by reference is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSEES** section.

The material incorporated by reference describes SIAPS, Takeoff Minimums and/or ODPs as identified in the amendatory language for part 97 of this final rule.

## The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 97 is effective upon publication of each separate SIAP, Takeoff Minimums and ODP as amended in the transmittal. Some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and textual ODP amendments may have been issued previously by the FAA in a Flight Data Center (FDC) Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) as an emergency action of immediate flights safety relating directly to published aeronautical charts.

The circumstances that created the need for some SIAP and Takeoff Minimums and ODP amendments may require making them effective in less than 30 days. For the remaining SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, an effective date at least 30 days after publication is provided.

Further, the SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs contained in this amendment are based on the criteria contained in the U.S. Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS). In developing these SIAPs and Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, the TERPS criteria were applied to the conditions existing or anticipated at the affected airports. Because of the close and immediate relationship between these SIAPs, Takeoff Minimums and ODPs, and safety in air commerce, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and contrary to the public interest and, where applicable, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d), good cause exists for making some SIAPs effective in less than 30 days.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore—(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. For the same reason, the FAA certifies that this amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial

number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 97

Air traffic control, Airports, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2025.

**Thomas J. Nichols,**

*Standards Section Manager, Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division, Office of Safety Standards, Flight Standards Service, Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration.*

## Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, 14 CFR part 97 is amended by establishing, amending, suspending, or removing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures and/or Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures effective at 0901 UTC on the dates specified, as follows:

## PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

■ 2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:

*Effective 20 March 2025*

Marianna, FL, MAI, RNAV (GPS) RWY 18, Amdt 2

Marianna, FL, KMAI, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 1

Marianna, FL, MAI, VOR–A, Amdt 13

Moultrie, GA, MGR, RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 2A

Moultrie, GA, MGR, RNAV (GPS) RWY 22, Amdt 2B

New York, NY, LGA, LOC RWY 31, Amdt 4

New York, NY, LGA, RNAV (GPS) X RWY 31, Amdt 1

New York, NY, LGA, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 31, Amdt 1

New York, NY, LGA, RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 31, Amdt 2

Salt Lake City, UT, SLC, LDA RWY 35, Amdt 1A

*Effective 17 April 2025*

Ketchikan, AK, KTN/PAKT, ILS Z OR LOC Z RWY 11, Amdt 2A

Corona, CA, AJO, RNAV (GPS)–B, Orig

Corona, CA, AJO, VOR–A, Amdt 5

San Diego/El Cajon, CA, SEE, RNAV (GPS) RWY 9L, Amdt 1

Plainville, CT, 4B8, RNAV (GPS) RWY 2, Amdt 2

Plainville, CT, 4B8, RNAV (GPS) RWY 20, Orig

Washington, DC, IAD, ILS OR LOC RWY 1C, ILS RWY 1C (SA CAT II), Amdt 3B

Washington, DC, IAD, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 1C, Amdt 2A

Washington, DC, IAD, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 1C, Amdt 1B

Fort Lauderdale, FL, FXE, ILS OR LOC RWY 9, Amdt 5B

Marathon, FL, MTH, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 2

Ellijay, GA, 49A, RNAV (GPS) RWY 3, Orig-A

St Francis, KS, SYF, NDB–A, Orig-A, CANCELED

Lexington, KY, LEX, RNAV (GPS) RWY 4, Amdt 3A

Bogalusa, LA, BXA, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 3B

St Louis, MO, STL, ILS OR LOC RWY 12L, ILS RWY 12L (CAT II), ILS RWY 12L (CAT III), Amdt 6D

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (GPS) RWY 24, Amdt 1D

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 12L, Amdt 2E

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 12R, Amdt 1E

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 30L, Amdt 2A

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 30R, Amdt 2B

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 11, Orig-C

St Louis, MO, STL, RNAV (RNP) Z RWY 12L, Orig-D

Kalispell, MT, GPI, RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 2, Amdt 4

Hamilton, OH, HAO, Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle DP, Amdt 5A

Tulsa, OK, TUL, RNAV (GPS) RWY 8, Amdt 3

Somerset, PA, 2G9, LOC RWY 25, Amdt 5

Columbia, SC, CAE, ILS OR LOC RWY 5, Amdt 3

Columbia, SC, CAE, ILS OR LOC RWY 29, Amdt 5

Columbia, SC, CAE, RNAV (GPS) RWY 5, Amdt 3

Columbia, SC, CAE, RNAV (GPS) RWY 29, Amdt 2

Bellingham, WA, BLI, ILS OR LOC RWY 16, ILS RWY 16 (SA CAT 1), Amdt 9

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### 17 CFR Part 240

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**Extension of Compliance Dates for Standards for Covered Clearing Agencies for U.S. Treasury Securities and Application of the Broker-Dealer Customer Protection Rule With Respect to U.S. Treasury Securities**

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; extension of compliance date.

**SUMMARY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) is extending the compliance date for the amendments to the rules applicable to covered clearing agencies for U.S. Treasury securities (“U.S. Treasury securities CCAs”), which require that such covered clearing agencies have written policies and procedures reasonably designed to require that every direct participant of the covered clearing agency submit for clearance and settlement all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities to which it is a counterparty and to identify and monitor its direct participants’ submission of transactions for clearing, including how the U.S. Treasury securities CCA would address a failure to submit transactions, that were adopted on December 13, 2023. Specifically, the Commission is extending the compliance dates by one year, from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for eligible repo transactions.

**DATES:**

*Effective date:* The effective date for this release is March 4, 2025. The effective date for the Trade Submission Requirement adopted on December 13, 2023, remains March 18, 2024.

*Compliance dates:* The compliance date for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B), published January 16, 2024 at 89 FR 2829, is extended from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for eligible repo transactions.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is extending the compliance date for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).<sup>1</sup> The Commission is not extending the compliance date for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(C) or Rule 15c3–3.<sup>2</sup>

## I. Discussion

On December 13, 2023, the Commission adopted, among other things, Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) (together, the “Trade Submission

Requirement”).<sup>3</sup> The Trade Submission Requirement is designed to help reduce contagion risk to U.S. Treasury securities CCAs and bring the benefits of central clearing to more transactions involving U.S. Treasury securities.<sup>4</sup> Under the Trade Submission Requirement, U.S. Treasury securities CCAs must establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to require that every direct participant of the covered clearing agency submit for clearance and settlement all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities to which it is a counterparty, and to identify and monitor the U.S. Treasury securities CCA’s direct participants’ submission of transactions for clearing, including how the U.S. Treasury securities CCA would address a failure to submit transactions.<sup>5</sup>

The Commission established the compliance dates for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) as follows: (1) each U.S. Treasury securities CCA will be required to file with the Commission any proposed rule changes regarding those amendments required under Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act and/or advance notices required under Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Act no later than 150 days following January 16, 2024, and (2) the proposed rule changes must be effective by December 31, 2025, for cash market transactions encompassed by section (ii) of the definition of an eligible secondary market transaction, and by June 30, 2026, for repo transactions encompassed by section (i) of the definition of an eligible secondary market transactions.<sup>6</sup> Therefore,

<sup>3</sup> Exchange Act Release No. 34–99149 (Dec. 13, 2023), 89 FR 2714 (Jan. 16, 2024) (“Adopting Release”).

<sup>4</sup> See *id.* at 2716.

<sup>5</sup> See 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B).

<sup>6</sup> Adopting Release, *supra* note 3, 89 FR at 2771. A U.S. Treasury securities CCA, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”), made such a filing on June 12, 2024. See Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Modify the GSD Rules Relating to the Adoption of a Trade Submission Requirement, Exchange Act Release No. 34–100417 (June 25, 2024), 89 FR 54602 (July 1, 2024) (FICC–2024–009). On Aug. 12, 2024, the Commission designated a longer period for Commission action on this proposed rule change. See Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change to Modify the GSD Rules Relating to the Adoption of a Trade Submission Requirement, Exchange Act Release No. 34–100693 (Aug. 12, 2024), 89 FR 66746 (Aug. 26, 2024). On Sept. 26, 2024, the Commission issued an order instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove this proposed rule change. See Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove a

compliance by the direct participants of a U.S. Treasury securities CCA with the requirement to clear eligible secondary market transactions would not be required until December 31, 2025, and June 30, 2026, respectively, for cash and repo transactions.<sup>7</sup>

Since the Trade Submission Requirement was adopted, Commission staff has been working with market participants, including the current U.S. Treasury securities CCA and applicants to become U.S. Treasury securities CCAs to address certain operational questions relating to implementation of these rules. As part of these efforts, Commission staff has become aware, through telephonic meetings and letters, that certain market participants believe that additional time to implement Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) would be appropriate. In this regard, a group of trade associations representing different types of market participants submitted a letter requesting that the Commission extend the compliance dates established in the Adopting Release by at least one year, and a separate trade association submitted a letter requesting that the Commission extend the compliance dates for the submission of repo transactions established in the Adopting Release by 24 months.<sup>8</sup>

The Associations stated that they are concerned that, without an extension, the transition to central clearing will be seriously compromised and will inevitably lead to disruptions in the cash and repo markets in U.S. Treasury securities to the detriment of the

Proposed Rule Change to Modify the GSD Rules Relating to the Adoption of a Trade Submission Requirement, Exchange Act Release No. 34–101194 (Sept. 26, 2024), 89 FR 80296 (Oct. 2, 2024). On Dec. 11, 2024, the Commission designated a longer period for Commission action on this proposed rule change. See Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1, Relating to the Adoption of a Trade Submission Requirement, Exchange Act Release No. 34–101880 (Dec. 11, 2024), 89 FR 102207 (Dec. 17, 2024). The deadline for Commission action on this proposed rule change is Feb. 26, 2025. *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Adopting Release, *supra* note 3, 89 FR at 2771.

<sup>8</sup> See Letter from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”), SIFMA’s Asset Management Group, Managed Funds Association, Futures Industry Association (“FIA”), FIA Principal Traders Group, International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Alternative Investment Management Association, and The Institute of International Bankers (collectively, the “Associations”), dated Jan. 24, 2025 (“Associations’ Letter”), available at, e.g., <https://www.sifma.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/SIFMA-Extension-Request-US-Treasury-Clearing-Mandate-FINAL-Clean.pdf>; Letter from the Investment Company Institute, dated Feb. 21, 2025 (“ICI Letter”).

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(C); 17 CFR 240.15c3–3.

financial system.<sup>9</sup> The Associations identified ongoing industry work in a number of areas that requires additional time for completion, including: the development of a “done-away” market structure, both with respect to an efficient approach to trading and the establishment of new entrants for clearing and trading; the development of standard documentation and supporting legal opinions to facilitate the robust liquidity in cleared Treasury markets; and a significant onboarding process that dealers and clients must undertake (including negotiation and execution of clearing agreements) that takes time and resources to complete with respect to the broad range of clients that trade in this market.<sup>10</sup> Similarly, the additional trade association stated that time is needed to develop done-away capabilities, including regarding payment and margin flows, operational connections, lack of middleware solutions and platforms, accounting treatment, and development of documentation, among others.<sup>11</sup> This association specified that further customization will be needed with respect to documentation to address registered fund issues, including the need for potential additional documents, consideration of any Investment Company Act of 1940 (“1940 Act”) issues to be negotiated between the parties, and the development of legal opinions on bankruptcy and enforceability.<sup>12</sup> This association stated that it can take a registered fund several months, and potentially longer, to negotiate the bespoke sponsoring member documentation necessary to participate in the FICC “sponsored service.”<sup>13</sup>

The Associations also stated that members of U.S. Treasury securities CCAs will need to upgrade systems, operations, and legal relationships with the U.S. Treasury securities CCAs and with their customers to allow access to central clearing consistent with the Trade Submission Requirement.<sup>14</sup> The Associations stated that the current timeline will not allow adequate time for all market participants to transition into cleared U.S. Treasury markets.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>9</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 2.

<sup>10</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 2.

<sup>11</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 6.

<sup>12</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 6–7.

<sup>13</sup> See *id.*

<sup>14</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 3. See also ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 7–8 (discussing need for additional time to allow registered funds and other buy-side participants to develop the operational systems to comply with the Trade Submission requirement for cash transactions).

<sup>15</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 3. See also ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 2 (stating that it has

The Associations further stated that additional time is needed to consider how to resolve critical issues both for further development of the market and so that market participants (including covered clearing agencies, clearing members, and participants) may successfully implement the Trade Submission Requirement in an efficient manner for the industry.<sup>16</sup> The Associations stated that these issues need to be resolved so that market participants understand what is meant to be included within the clearing requirements and what activities may be impacted.<sup>17</sup> The Associations also stated that the resolution of these issues will require more time than the February 26, 2025 statutory deadline for final Commission action on FICC’s proposed eligible secondary market trade submission rules allows.<sup>18</sup>

become clear that additional time for compliance with the Trade Submission Requirement is needed).

<sup>16</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 1 and 4. The industry participants identified what they viewed as these critical issues as follows: (1) SEC rule clarifications with respect to the treatment of mixed CUSIP tri-party transactions; (2) SEC rule clarifications as to the scope of the inter-affiliate exemption; including, in particular, expanding the exemption to allow for internal liquidity and collateral management; (3) SEC-registered fund rules that effectively require double margining for cleared repos; (4) SEC rule clarifications with respect to the ability of firms to pre-fund customer segregated margin with USD (and not only UST); (5) SEC rule clarifications with respect to the ability of firms to take debit in the formula even if client does not pay margin back within 24 hours; (6) SEC rule clarifications as to the overall extraterritorial scope of the rule, and necessary SEC engagement with overseas regulators to ensure the ability for global participants to clear cash and repo transactions; (7) SEC to seek public comment and fully consider the clearing application of the CME Group, as well as ICE and other clearing houses, and the availability of the cross-margining model to facilitate cross-product netting between repos and futures; (8) standard documentation and supporting legal opinions are finalized for the efficient customer onboarding and development of robust liquidity in cleared Treasury markets; and (9) bank capital issues under the existing capital framework need to be resolved for the development of the “done-away” market structure to confirm similar treatment currently applicable to the “done-with” market structure. *Id.* at 2.

<sup>17</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 4. The Associations stated that the implementation timeline for the Trade Submission Requirement is significantly shorter than that proposed for similarly sized industry reforms, including the LIBOR transition and the uncleared margin rules. *Id.* at 2.

<sup>18</sup> Specifically, the Associations stated that “[a]ny extension should allow for FICC to withdraw its current trade submission filings [(FICC–2024–009)] so that it and any other interested [U.S. Treasury securities CCAs] have the necessary time and ability to consult further with market participants and the SEC on resolving these fundamental scoping questions before developing and submitting [self-regulatory organization] rulebook changes for eligible secondary market transaction CCA submission.” See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 4. See also *supra* note 6 (discussing FICC–2024–009).

In addition, one association specifically raised several issues related to registered funds. First, the association stated additional time is necessary to address margin issues associated with registered funds’ repo transactions. The association identified several such issues, including the interaction of the 2% overcollateralization requirement with margin requirements that apply to cleared transactions but do not exist for uncleared repo transactions;<sup>19</sup> and the development and adoption of contractual terms to ensure that a registered fund maintains compliance with the 1940 Act when using certain segregated margin accounts at FICC.<sup>20</sup> Second, the association stated that time is needed for review of potential new FICC access models that may provide an additional means to manage the risks posed by registered funds that participate in cleared repo transactions at FICC.<sup>21</sup> The association stated that FICC has not yet submitted any proposed rule changes to its rulebook regarding such a model to the Commission for approval.<sup>22</sup>

After considering these requests, the Commission is extending the compliance dates for the Trade Submission Requirement. The Commission agrees that an extension would allow for further engagement on compliance, operational, and interpretive questions, including those highlighted by the Associations related to, among other things, the further development of done-away clearing, standard documentation, onboarding processes, and systems and operations upgrades. In addition, an extension should improve market participants’ ability to plan for compliance with the Trade Submission Requirement, including the development and

<sup>19</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 3–4; see also *supra* note 16 (identifying this issue as item 3 in the Associations’ Letter). The association stated that additional time is necessary for registered funds and their counterparties to assess the relative benefits and tradeoffs of the FICC (and potentially, other CCA) access models for Treasury repo clearing, and for sponsoring members to negotiate the contractual terms required to enable a registered fund to deliver its assets as margin to FICC or another CCA while still ensuring its repo transactions are “collateralized fully” under Rule 5b–3 under the 1940 Act. This association further stated that, currently for voluntarily cleared repo transactions, a registered fund’s counterparty, in its capacity as the registered fund’s sponsoring member, typically satisfies both its own margin obligations as well as those of the registered fund in connection with such transactions, but that, once the Trade Submission Requirement applies, the economics for sponsoring members may no longer support this arrangement and the margin obligations may outweigh any benefits that clearing provides to the sponsoring member.

<sup>20</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 4–5.

<sup>21</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 5–6.

<sup>22</sup> See *id.*

implementation of appropriate means to access clearance and settlement services for U.S. Treasury securities and to facilitate orderly implementation of the Trade Submission Requirement, which should, in turn, help avoid the potential for any disruptions in cash and repo markets in U.S. Treasury securities.

Although one commenter stated that the compliance dates should be extended to allow other clearing houses the opportunity to apply to register as a U.S. Treasury securities CCA,<sup>23</sup> the compliance dates do not prohibit the filing or consideration of such applications after that time.

As discussed further below,<sup>24</sup> in determining an appropriate length of time for the extension, the Commission has considered a number of factors, including the costs and benefits of a longer extension. A one year extension results in a compliance date for repo transactions that is approximately 27 months away from the date of this release and for cash transactions that is approximately 22 months away from the date of this release. This extension should allow ample time for Commission consideration of clearing agency applications,<sup>25</sup> proposed rule changes from new or existing clearing agencies,<sup>26</sup> and the execution of new contractual arrangements for market participants.<sup>27</sup>

Therefore, the Commission extends the compliance date for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) by one year to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and June 30, 2027, for eligible repo market transactions.

Lastly, the Commission is not extending the compliance dates for Rule 17ad–22(e)(18)(iv)(C) (regarding access) and Rule 15c3–3 (regarding the broker-dealer customer protection rule). Although these rules have a March 31, 2025, compliance date, no market participant is obligated to use a particular access model or to segregate its margin.<sup>28</sup> If a direct participant of a

U.S. Treasury securities CCA determines to offer certain access models or segregated margin accounts, the CCA would be obligated to enforce those rules regarding such models or accounts against the relevant participant, and the direct participant must comply with those rules.<sup>29</sup>

## II. Economic Analysis

The Commission is mindful of the economic effects, including the costs and benefits, of the compliance date extension. Exchange Act section 3(f) requires the Commission, when it is engaged in rulemaking pursuant to the Exchange Act and is required to consider or determine whether an action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, to consider, in addition to the protection of investors, whether the action will promote efficiency, competition, and capital formation.<sup>30</sup> In addition, Exchange Act section 23(a)(2) requires the Commission, when making rules pursuant to the Exchange Act, to consider among other matters the impact that any such rule would have on competition and not to adopt any rule that would impose a burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.<sup>31</sup>

The baseline against which the costs, benefits, and the effects on efficiency, competition, and capital formation of the compliance date extension are measured consists of the current state of the market for U.S. Treasury securities, including the repo market, current practice as it relates to the purchase and sale of U.S. Treasury securities, and the current regulatory framework, including recently adopted rules. As discussed above, pursuant to the Adopting Release, the compliance date for the Trade Submission Requirement was December 31, 2025, for eligible cash

market transactions, and June 30, 2026, for eligible repo market transactions.<sup>32</sup>

The Trade Submission Requirement will apply to all covered clearing agencies for U.S. Treasury securities, and, in turn, will have an impact on direct participants in such covered clearing agencies and other market participants transacting with such direct participants. Such market participants include, among others: broker-dealers that are not direct participants of such covered clearing agencies, hedge funds, family offices, separately managed accounts, registered investment companies (including money market funds, certain exchange-traded funds, and other types of mutual funds), principal trading firms, private pension funds, triparty agents, custodian banks, and the Fedwire Settlement Service.<sup>33</sup>

The Commission is extending the compliance date for the Trade Submission Requirement to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and June 30, 2027, for eligible repo market transactions. Extending the compliance date will mitigate the costs that industry participants (including covered clearing agencies) will face relative to the baseline of the Initial Compliance Date.<sup>34</sup> As discussed above, a number of

<sup>23</sup> See *supra* Section I.

<sup>24</sup> See Adopting Release, *supra* note 3, at part IV.B.7.

<sup>25</sup> *Id.* Extending the compliance date will also mitigate the potential costs associated with overlap of the compliance date of the Trade Submission Requirement and rules that were adopted prior to the Trade Submission Requirement, to the extent the compliance dates of those prior final rules have not already passed. See Adopting Release, *supra* note 3, at section IV.C.2.e. As explained in the Adopting Release, where overlap in compliance periods exists, the Commission acknowledges that there may be additional costs on those entities subject to one or more other rules, but spreading the compliance dates out over an extended period limits the number of implementation activities occurring simultaneously. *Id.* For the same reason, extending the compliance date will likely mitigate the potential costs associated with overlap of the compliance date and the compliance dates of rules that have been adopted since the Trade Submission Requirement. Specifically, the Commission has adopted five rules since the Trade Submission Requirement in which it considered the overlap of compliance dates with those established in the Adopting Release, including for the Trade Submission Requirement. See *Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers*, Release No. IA-6546 (Feb. 8, 2024), 89 FR 17984 (March 12, 2024) (compliance date extended by *Form PF; Reporting Requirements for All Filers and Large Hedge Fund Advisers; Extension of Compliance Date*, Release No. IA-6838 (Jan. 29, 2025), 90 FR 9007 (Feb. 5, 2025); *Covered Clearing Agency Resilience and Recovery and Orderly Wind-Down Plans*, Release No. 34-101446 (Oct. 25, 2024), 89 FR 91000 (Nov. 18, 2024); *Regulation NMS: Minimum Pricing Increments, Access Fees, and Transparency of Better Priced Orders*, Release No. 34-101070 (Sept. 18, 2024), 89 FR 81620 (Oct. 8, 2024); *Electronic Submission of Certain Materials*

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<sup>26</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 8 (discussing the March 31, 2025 compliance date for Rule 17ad–22(e)(6)(i) and Rule 15c3–3), and at 7 (discussing the need for additional time for the Trade Submission Requirement as it pertains to repo transactions).

<sup>27</sup> See Section II infra.

<sup>28</sup> See 15 U.S.C. 78s(a)(1) (establishing the statutory review period for clearing agency applications under the Exchange Act which, generally, can take up to 270 days).

<sup>29</sup> See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2) (establishing the statutory review period for clearing agency proposed rule changes under the Exchange Act which can take up to 240 days).

<sup>30</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 5, 6–7 (stating that negotiation of such documentation can take months or even a year or longer).

<sup>31</sup> The Commission is issuing an order granting temporary exemptive relief regarding Rule 17ad–

<sup>30</sup> See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>31</sup> See 15 U.S.C. 78w(a)(2).

issues, including but not limited to issues related to the scope of the rule and inter-dependencies of many items required for successful completion, have been raised and there are concerns expressed by commenters that absent an extension, the transition to central clearing could be compromised which in turn could produce expensive disruptions in the cash and repo Treasury markets. The commenters state that multiple issues exist requiring cooperation and collaboration among various regulators and that need to be clarified and implemented.<sup>35</sup> In addition, fundamental market structure changes necessary to allow for done-away trading have not yet been designed and implemented by industry participants. The compliance date extension will reduce the possibility of such costly disruptions.

In aggregate, the extension of the compliance dates for the Trade Submission Requirement to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and June 30, 2027, for eligible repo market transactions will also delay the realization of the economic benefits associated with the final rules. In particular, the benefits of central clearing including the reduction of contagion risk to U.S. Treasury securities CCAs and the resulting lowering of systemic risk would be delayed.

The Commission has also previously acknowledged that “the centralization of clearance and settlement activities at covered clearing agencies allows market participants to reduce costs, increase operational efficiency, and manage risks more effectively.”<sup>36</sup> The extension of the compliance date will postpone the realization of such benefits.

The effect of the extension of the compliance dates on efficiency, competition, or capital formation will be a delay in the impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation described in the final rule.

The Commission considered reasonable alternatives to the new compliance dates, namely a longer extension. As discussed above, one

*Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; Amendments Regarding the FOCUS Report, Release Nos. 33-11342; 34-101925; IC-35420 (Dec. 16, 2024), 90 FR 7250 (Jan. 21, 2025); Daily Computation of Customer and Broker-Dealer Reserve Requirements Under the Broker-Dealer Customer Protection Rule, Release No. 34-102022 (Dec. 20, 2024), 90 FR 2790 (Jan. 13, 2025).*

<sup>35</sup> See Associations’ Letter, *supra* note 8, at 1 (listing the critical issues identified by the Associations). See also ICI Letter, *supra* note 8, at 4–8 (discussing issues identified by ICI).

<sup>36</sup> Covered Clearing Agency Standards Proposing Release, Exchange Act Release No. 71699 (Mar. 12, 2014), 79 FR 29507, 29587 (May 27, 2014).

commenter requested that the Commission extend the compliance dates established in the Adopting Release by 24 months stating that the additional time was needed to develop done-away capabilities, to further address necessary customization needed with respect to documentation to address registered fund issues, to address margin issues associated with registered funds’ repo transactions, and to review potential new FICC access models.<sup>37</sup>

An extension longer than the one year by which the Commission is extending the compliance dates for the Trade Submission Requirement would entail a tradeoff: while it could further reduce some costs associated with disruptions under a more compressed timeline, as explained above, it also further delays the benefits from implementation. As discussed above, a one year extension results in a compliance date for repo transactions that is approximately 27 months away from the date of this release and for cash transactions that is approximately 22 months away from the date of this release. The Commission believes a one-year extension, which is consistent with the minimum amount of additional time requested in the Associations’ Letter, is sufficient given that compliance activity has been ongoing and the incremental cost savings of an extension longer than one year are uncertain relative to the benefits that would be lost as a result.

### III. Procedural and Other Matters

The Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) generally requires an agency to publish notice of a rulemaking in the **Federal Register** and provide an opportunity for public comment. This requirement does not apply, however, if the agency “for good cause finds . . . that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.”<sup>38</sup>

For the reasons cited above, the Commission, for good cause, finds that notice and solicitation of comment regarding the extension of the compliance dates set forth herein is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.<sup>39</sup> The Associations’ letter was submitted recently and given the issues and challenges with implementation that have been raised, as well as the upcoming March 31, 2025 deadline and

<sup>37</sup> See ICI Letter, *supra* note 8.

<sup>38</sup> 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

<sup>39</sup> See *id.* (stating that an agency may dispense with prior notice and comment when it finds, for good cause, that notice and comment are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest”).

the pending proposed rule change from FICC, there is good cause for not providing notice and comment. This rule does not impose any new substantive regulatory requirements on any person and merely reflects the extension of the compliance dates for the Trade Submission Requirement. For the reasons discussed in Part I above, an extension of the compliance dates is needed to facilitate orderly implementation of these rules by allowing additional time for all industry participants (*i.e.*, U.S. Treasury securities CCAs, their direct participants, and their counterparties) to comply with the Trade Submission Requirement. Further, the Commission recognizes the importance of providing notice of the extended compliance date, and providing immediate effectiveness upon publication of this release will allow industry participants to adjust their implementation plans accordingly.<sup>40</sup>

For similar reasons, although the APA generally requires publication of a rule at least 30 days before its effective date, the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 808(2) are satisfied (notwithstanding the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801),<sup>41</sup> and the Commission finds that there is good cause for this extension to take effect on March 4, 2025.

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has designated the extension of the compliance dates not a “major rule,” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

### IV. Conclusion

The Commission extends the compliance date for Rule 17ad-22(e)(18)(iv)(A) and (B) by one year, to December 31, 2026, for eligible cash market transactions, and June 30, 2027, for eligible repo market transactions.

By the Commission.

<sup>40</sup> The compliance date extensions set forth in this release are effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**. Section 553(d)(1) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows effective dates that are less than 30 days after publication for a “substantive rule which grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction.” 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

<sup>41</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 808(2) (if a Federal agency finds that notice and public comment are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, a rule shall take effect at such time as the Federal agency promulgating the rule determines). This rule also does not require analysis under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. See 5 U.S.C. 604(a) (requiring a final regulatory flexibility analysis only for rules required by the APA or other law to undergo notice and comment). Finally, this rule does not contain any collection of information requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”). 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Accordingly, the PRA is not applicable.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### 23 CFR Part 635

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#### Buy America Requirements for Manufactured Products

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Final rule; delay of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** This document delays the effective date of the final rule, published on January 14, 2025, titled Buy America Requirements for Manufactured Products.

**DATES:** This effective date of the rule amending 23 CFR part 635 published on January 14, 2025, is delayed until March 20, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this final rule, please

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President to executive departments and agencies, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review" (90 FR 8249; Jan. 28, 2025), this action temporarily delays the effective date of the rule titled Buy America Requirements for

Manufactured Products published in the **Federal Register** on January 14, 2025, at 90 FR 2932.

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

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.85.

**James O. Payne, III,**  
*Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration.*

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# Proposed Rules

This section of the **FEDERAL REGISTER** contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2025-0372 Airspace Docket No. 24-AAL-126]

RIN 2120-AA66

#### Amendment of Colored Federal Airway Green 8, Jet Route J-115, United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-227 and Establishment of RNAV Route Q-188 in Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to amend Colored Federal Airway Green 8 (G-8), Jet Route J-115, and United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-227, and establish RNAV Route Q-188 in Alaska. The FAA is proposing this action due to the pending decommissioning of the Shemya, AK, Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA-2025-0372 and Airspace Docket No. 24-AAL-126 using any of the following methods:

\* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

\* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

\* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

\* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493-2251.

**Docket:** Background documents or comments received may be read at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Roff, Rules and Regulations Group, Policy Directorate, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it would amend the airway structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

#### Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any

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recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it receives on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

**Privacy:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

#### Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at [www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/airspace\\_amendments/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/).

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Operations office (see **ADDRESSES** section for address, phone number, and hours of operations). An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Western Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198.

#### Incorporation by Reference

Colored Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6009, Jet Routes are published in paragraph 2004, United States Area Navigation Routes are published in paragraph 6011 and paragraph 2006 of FAA Order JO

7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document proposes to amend the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These updates would be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. That order is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

## Background

In 2003, Congress enacted the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Pub. L. 108-176), which established a joint planning and development office in the FAA to manage the work related to the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). Today, NextGen is an ongoing FAA-led modernization of the nation's air transportation system to make flying safer, more efficient, and more predictable.

In support of NextGen, this proposal is part of an ongoing, large, and comprehensive airway modernization project in the state of Alaska. Part of this project is to transition the Alaskan en route navigation structure away from dependency on NDBs and move to develop and improve the RNAV route structure. The FAA is planning to decommission the Shemya, AK, NDB. As a result, portions of G-8 and J-115 will become unusable. Currently, G-8 extends between the Shemya NDB and the Kachemak, AK, NDB. The FAA is proposing to revoke the segment of G-8 that extends between the Shemya NDB and the Mount Moffet, AK, NDB. The mitigation to the loss of this segment of G-8 is the existing RNAV Route T-227. J-115 currently extends between the Shemya NDB and the Deadhorse, AK, Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME). The FAA is proposing to revoke the segment of J-115 that extends between the Shemya NDB and the Mount Moffet NDB. The mitigation to the loss of this segment of J-115 is RNAV Route Q-188, proposed in this airspace action. The FAA is also proposing to amend RNAV Route T-227 by adding the DEJJE, AK, waypoint (WP) to the route. This amendment will allow enroute transition with instrument procedures at the Adak Airport (ADK). RNAV Route Q-188 would be a direct

overlay of the portion of J-115 that is proposed to be revoked.

## The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 to amend Colored Federal Airway Green 8 (G-8), Jet Route J-115, and RNAV Route T-227, and establish RNAV Route Q-188 in Alaska. The FAA is proposing this action due to the pending decommissioning of the Shemya, AK, NDB.

**G-8:** G-8 currently extends between the Shemya, AK, NDB and the Kachemak, AK, NDB. The FAA proposes to revoke the segment of G-8 that extends between the Shemya NDB and the Mount Moffet, AK, NDB. As amended, G-8 would extend between the Mount Moffet NDB and the Kachemak NDB.

**J-115:** J-115 currently extends between the Shemya, AK, NDB and the Deadhorse, AK, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to revoke the segment of J-115 that extends between the Shemya NDB and the Mount Moffet, AK, NDB. As amended, J-115 would extend between the Mount Moffet, AK, NDB and the Deadhorse VOR/DME.

**T-227:** T-227 currently extends between the Shemya, AK, VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) and the Deadhorse, AK, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to amend RNAV Route T-227 by adding the DEJJE, AK, WP to the route. As amended, T-227 would extend between the Shemya VORTAC and the Deadhorse VOR/DME.

**Q-188:** The FAA proposes to establish RNAV Route Q-188. As established, this route would extend between the Shemya, AK, VORTAC and the Mount Moffet, AK, NDB.

## Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities

under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

## Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures" prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

## The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

- 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### § 71.1 [Amended]

- 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

*Paragraph 6009(a) Green Federal Airways.*

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#### G-8 [Amended]

From Mount Moffet, AK, NDB, 20 AGL; Dutch Harbor, AK, NDB, 20 AGL; INT Dutch Harbor, AK, NDB 041° and Elfee, AK, NDB 253° bearings, 20 AGL; Elfee, AK, NDB, 20 AGL; Chinook, AK, NDB; INT Chinook, AK, NDB 054° and Kachemak, AK, NDB 269° bearings; to Kachemak, AK, NDB.

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*Paragraph 2004 Jet Routes.*

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#### J-115 [Amended]

From Mount Moffett, AK, NDB; Dutch Harbor, AK, NDB; Cold Bay, AK; King Salmon, AK; INT King Salmon 053° and Kenai, AK, 239° radials; Kenai, AK; Anchorage, AK; Big Lake, AK; Fairbanks, AK; Chandalar, AK, NDB; to Deadhorse, AK.

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*Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.*

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**T-227 Shemya, AK (SYA) to Deadhorse, AK (SCC) [Amended]**

Shemya, AK (SYA)	VORTAC	(Lat. 52°43'05.78" N, long. 174°03'43.50" E)
JANNT, AK	WP	(Lat. 52°04'17.88" N, long. 178°15'37.23" W)
DEJJE, AK	WP	(Lat. 51°56'50.41" N, long. 177°15'11.72" W)
BAERE, AK	WP	(Lat. 52°12'11.96" N, long. 176°08'08.53" W)
ALEUT, AK	WP	(Lat. 54°14'16.58" N, long. 166°32'51.82" W)
MORDI, AK	FIX	(Lat. 54°52'49.87" N, long. 165°03'15.24" W)
GENFU, AK	FIX	(Lat. 55°23'18.64" N, long. 163°06'20.78" W)
BINAL, AK	FIX	(Lat. 55°45'59.99" N, long. 161°59'56.43" W)
WIXER, AK	WP	(Lat. 56°54'29.00" N, long. 158°36'10.00" W)
CULTI, AK	WP	(Lat. 58°15'11.91" N, long. 156°31'19.57" W)
FEDGI, AK	WP	(Lat. 59°30'10.87" N, long. 154°14'14.80" W)
WEZZL, AK	WP	(Lat. 59°53'13.86" N, long. 152°24'12.63" W)
AMOTT, AK	FIX	(Lat. 60°52'26.59" N, long. 151°22'23.60" W)
Big Lake, AK (BGQ)	VORTAC	(Lat. 61°34'09.96" N, long. 149°58'01.77" W)
GLOWS, AK	FIX	(Lat. 64°26'15.88" N, long. 148°15'17.88" W)
PERZO, AK	WP	(Lat. 64°40'22.99" N, long. 148°07'20.15" W)
Fairbanks, AK (FAI)	VORTAC	(Lat. 64°48'00.25" N, long. 148°00'43.11" W)
Deadhorse, AK (SCC)	VOR/DME	(Lat. 70°11'57.11" N, long. 148°24'58.17" W)

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*Paragraph 2006 United States Area Navigation Routes.*

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**Q-188 Shemya, AK (SYA) to Mount Moffett, AK (ADK) [New]**

Shemya, AK (SYA)	VORTAC	(Lat. 52°43'05.78" N, long. 174°03'43.50" E)
Mount Moffett, AK (ADK)	NDB	(Lat. 51°52'18.76" N, long. 176°4'33.56" W)

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Issued in Washington, DC, on February 26, 2025.

**Brian Eric Konie,**  
Manager (A), Rules and Regulations Group.  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 751**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0277; FRL-8331-03-OCSP]

**C.I. Pigment Violet 29 (PV29); Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Reopening of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** In the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2025, EPA proposed a regulation to address the unreasonable risk of injury to human health presented by C.I. Pigment Violet 29 (CASRN 81-33-4, also known as PV29), under its conditions of use as documented in EPA's January 2021 Risk Evaluation for PV29 and the September 2022 Revised Risk Determination for PV29 prepared under TSCA. This document reopens the comment period, which is scheduled to end on February 28, 2025, for 60 days.

**DATES:** The comment period for the document published on January 14,

2025, at 90 FR 3107 (FRL-8331-02-OCSP) is reopened. Comments must be received on or before April 29, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0277, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*For technical information:* Carolyn Mottley, Existing Chemicals Risk Management Division (7404M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number (202) 566-1955; email address: [mottley.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:mottley.carolyn@epa.gov).

*For general information:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To give stakeholders additional time to review materials and prepare comments, EPA is hereby reopening the comment period established in the **Federal Register** document of January 14, 2025, at 90 FR 3107 (FRL-8331-02-OCSP) for 60 days, from February 28, 2025, to April 29, 2025. More information on the

action can be found in the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2025.

To submit comments or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES**. If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 751**

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Export notification, Hazardous substances, Import certification, reporting and recordkeeping.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2605, 15 U.S.C. 2625(l)(4).

Dated: February 27, 2025.

**Richard Keigwin,**

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 52**

[WC Docket No. 18-336; DA 25-148; FR ID 281931]

**Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) seeks

targeted comment on potential privacy issues related to proposed rules that would require covered text providers to support georouting to ensure that the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988 Lifeline or Lifeline) may route covered 988 text messages to appropriate local crisis centers.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before April 3, 2025, and reply comments are due on or before April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket No. 18-336, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Communications Commission's website: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or phone: 202-418-0530.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merry Wulff, Attorney Advisor, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at [Merry.Wulff@fcc.gov](mailto:Merry.Wulff@fcc.gov) or at (202) 418-1084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice, document DA 25-148, released on February 19, 2025, in WC Docket No. 18-336.

The full text of the document is available on the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-148A1.pdf>.

#### Comment Filing Procedures

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments should refer to WC Docket No. 18-336. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the

Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

- Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- *People with Disabilities:* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

#### Ex Parte Rules

The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments

thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Third FNPRM)*, 89 FR 91636 (Nov. 20, 2024), included an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603, exploring the potential impact on small entities of the Commission's proposals. The Bureau invites parties to file comments on the IRFA in light of this request for supplemental comments.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This document does not contain proposed new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) beyond any already proposed in the *Third FNPRM*. Therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-198) *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), beyond any already proposed in the *Third FNPRM*.

#### Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act

The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act (Pub. L. 118-9) requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to post online a brief plain-language summary of the proposed rule. The required summary of the document is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings>.

#### Synopsis

In document DA 25-148, the Bureau seeks additional, targeted comment on potential privacy issues involved in georouting text-to-988 pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (*FCC* or *Commission*) *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Third FNPRM)*, 89 FR 91636 (Nov. 20, 2024). The comments that the Commission has received in response to the *Third FNPRM* have raised privacy as an important factor, and we are providing an opportunity for additional comment to obtain a more comprehensive record.

The Commission has long recognized the importance of protecting the privacy interests of Americans seeking help from the 988 Lifeline. In recent years, the Commission has sought comment on privacy with respect to georouting and has taken action to protect the privacy of voice callers to 988. We continue this effort by seeking further comment on georouting text-to-988 implications, potential risks, and proposed safeguards to bolster the privacy and confidentiality of individuals texting the 988 Lifeline.

Since the Commission designated 988 as the easy-to-remember, three digit code for the 988 Lifeline, the Commission has engaged with consumer advocacy groups, wireless providers, partner agencies, and other industry stakeholders to balance privacy concerns while advancing the accessibility and effectiveness of 988 Lifeline. We understand the sensitive nature of individuals' contacts with the 988 Lifeline and have worked to prevent the erosion of privacy protections or expectations of confidentiality. In response to privacy concerns surrounding the use of precise location information and the chilling effect those concerns may have on potential 988 Lifeline users, the Commission sought alternative solutions to enhance the 988 Lifeline while protecting user privacy and confidence in the program. Commission staff, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Vibrant Emotional Health (Vibrant or Lifeline Administrator), nationwide wireless providers, and other industry stakeholders, developed, tested, and implemented georouting solutions to direct 988 calls based on a geographic location for the origin of the call without transmitting information about the caller's precise location. Based on this collaborative effort and comments received in response to the *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 89 FR 46340 (May 29, 2024), the Commission adopted the definition of "georouting data" to mean "location data generated from cell-based location technology that is aggregated to a level that will not identify the location of the cell site or base station receiving the 988 call or otherwise identify the precise location of the handset." This definition enables covered entities to better route calls from 988 Lifeline users while mitigating potential privacy risks, as it does not require the collection and transmission of precise location data.

As for voice calls, the 988 Lifeline Administrator, mental health advocates, providers, and other industry stakeholders continue to actively engage in voluntary collaborative efforts to identify technical solutions that leverage the ability to route 988 texts while maintaining consumer privacy. The Commission continues to prioritize consumer privacy and confidentiality while supporting industry collaboration as it develops solutions to improve upon the 988 Lifeline. As such, we invite stakeholders to update the record after reviewing the specific proposals, underlying analysis, and questions contained in the *Third FNPRM*, as well as the existing record in this proceeding.

*Proposed Text-to-988 Georouting Solutions.* Commenters put forward several text-to-988 georouting solutions in response to the *Third FNPRM*. We first seek comment on any potential privacy implications raised by these solutions. CX360, for example, proposes a text-to-988 georouting solution modeled after voice-to-988 georouting solutions, in which Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers incorporate location data aggregated using Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) code boundaries into their data flows. The FIPS codes are maintained and assigned by the Census Bureau to identify geographic areas. The CMRS providers then transmit the text message to a Short Message Service (SMS) aggregator, which routes the text to an SMS Gateway "via a secured communication channel." In contrast, Intrado Life & Safety proposes a text-to-988 georouting solution based on text-to-911 infrastructure that utilizes Session Initiation Protocol (SIP), Message Session Relay Protocol (MSRP), and HTTP-Enabled Location Delivery (HELD) protocol, and relies on Text Control Centers (TCCs) to act as intermediaries between covered text providers and the Lifeline Administrator. SIP is a protocol that defines a method of establishing multimedia sessions over the internet. MSRP is a standardized mechanism for exchanging instant messages using SIP where a server relays messages between user agents. HELD protocol can be used to acquire location information within an access network from a Location Information Server. A TCC is a controlling functional element specified in a relevant standard for text-to-911. The TCC has the responsibility to "(1) convert various protocols and act as a gateway; (2) request location that may be used for routing; (3) request routing instructions; and (4) initiate a dialogue with the [Public Safety Answering Point

(PSAP)] through the appropriate interworking function of the TCC. When the TCC receives an initial text message, it obtains location from the [location server]. It then uses that location to obtain routing instructions from the [routing server]. Then, the TCC converts the text message to an appropriate protocol and initiates a dialogue with the PSAP (via the emergency services network) through the appropriate interworking function of the TCC."

We invite commenters to provide additional details on how each of the proposed text-to-988 georouting solutions transmit location data throughout the text routing process and to comment on any potential privacy implications, protections, and considerations. Are there specific privacy, security, or confidentiality considerations for text-to-988 georouting solutions that differ from voice-to-988? If so, is there a particular point in the text flow where such concerns arise? For example, CX360 asserts that incorporating aggregated location data early in the data flow will help prevent the transmission of sensitive location data to downstream parties. The record would benefit to the extent that commenters can depict points of potential concern in a text flow in a diagram or other visual description. Should the Commission consider additional requirements for text-to-988 georouting to protect the privacy interests of help-seekers? Are the proposed text-to-988 georouting solutions more prone to errors than voice-to-988 georouting solutions? If so, what privacy implications, if any, are raised by such errors?

*Current State of Text-to-988 Georouting Solutions.* Commenters responding to the *Third FNPRM* report that voluntary efforts to identify and develop text-to-988 georouting solutions are ongoing and that a pilot program or testing will occur in 2025. In response to this Public Notice, we ask for updates on the status and progress of this work, as well as additional data, documents, and other information that provide details about the georouting solutions under development and any privacy implications. For instance, to what extent do the text-to-988 georouting solutions under development align with or differ from the georouting solutions proposed in the record? Do the text-to-988 georouting solutions under development contemplate different methods of identifying a texter's location to generate georouting data, such as application-level or network-based protocols? What is the current viability of the georouting solutions in terms of cost and technical feasibility,

particularly for small providers, and are there any additional privacy protections in place that the Commission should consider?

*Role of Third Parties.* To effectively analyze any text-to-988 georouting solution, the Commission needs to understand the privacy implications related to the role of CMRS providers, other covered text providers, SMS aggregators, TCCs, the Lifeline Administrator, and any other vendors or entities necessary for the solution. The record developed in response to the *Third FNPRM* indicates that text-to-988 georouting solutions may require the involvement of more entities than voice-to-988 georouting solutions. Thus, we ask that commenters identify with specificity all entities necessary to implement any proposed text-to-988 georouting solutions, including their roles throughout the data flow.

We also seek additional comment on the extent to which location data is shared between CMRS providers and other entities within the routing process for any proposed text-to-988 georouting solutions. What degree or resolution of location data must be shared with each specific entity, for what purposes, and at what point in the data flow? As discussed above, CX360 proposes a georouting solution that relies on an SMS aggregator, whereas Intrado Life & Safety proposes to utilize TCCs. We seek further comment on these proposals, including any potential privacy implications. For instance, what, if anything, about the 988 texter could be inferred from data shared within the routing process? How do SMS aggregators and TCCs use, protect, and disclose location data? What security processes and requirements are in place, or should be in place, to ensure that location data is secured to protect privacy throughout the data flow? What entity operates and maintains responsibility over any necessary communication channels?

*Granularity of Georouting Data.* We seek further comment on the granularity of location data necessary for text-to-988 georouting solutions. The Commission's voice-to-988 georouting rules require CMRS providers to aggregate location data generated from cell-based technology to a level that will not identify the location of the cell site or base station receiving the 988 voice call or otherwise identify the precise location of the caller's handset. As discussed above, in adopting the definition of "georouting data" that contains these requirements, the Commission balanced the importance of maintaining the paramount privacy interests of 988 callers with the need to

expeditiously improve the routing of wireless calls to the Lifeline. In the *Third FNPRM*, the Commission proposed to adopt the same definition of "georouting data" for the text-to-988 georouting rules and sought comment on whether a different definition was more appropriate.

Commenters responding to the *Third FNPRM* indicate that additional development and evaluation may be necessary to determine the appropriate level of granularity of location data for text-to-988 georouting solutions to align with privacy expectations. The Lifeline Administrator also states that georouting solutions for 988 text messages will likely rely on broader geographic data than 988 voice calls. Given these additional details and the fact that approximately 77 crisis centers currently support 988 text messages, we seek further comment on the necessary resolution of location data for text-to-988 georouting solutions. Are there different privacy considerations related to the granularity of location data for text-to-988 georouting solutions? For example, as discussed above, CX360 proposes a georouting solution that incorporates county-level FIPS codes into text data flows, either in a message header or by "some other appropriate means." Are county-level FIPS codes sufficiently generalized to protect texters' privacy for text-to-988 georouting? Would less granular geographic boundaries be sufficient to connect texters with local resources? If so, what geographic boundary should the Commission consider, and is there a level that would be too broad?

In the *Third FNPRM*, the Commission also sought comment on whether the work performed by CMRS providers to deploy text-to-911 could be leveraged for text-to-988 georouting solutions. Intrado Life & Safety proposes a text-to-988 georouting solution that leverages text-to-911 infrastructure and identifies two potential methods of obscuring more precise location data to protect the privacy of texters. The first method, referred to as the "dither option," involves "stripping digits" from the latitude and longitude of a texter's location, while the second method requires programming TCCs to convert latitude and longitude to a FIPS code. We seek comment on this proposal. How effective are these methods of obscuring location data, and do they adequately protect the privacy of 988 texters? Can precise location information still be inferred, and what mechanisms are or should be in place to prevent more precise location data from being accessed, disclosed, or misused throughout the data flow?

*Privacy and Data Protection Protocols.* We also seek additional comment on any data handling protocols and policies that are in place or should be in place to protect the privacy and confidentiality of 988 texters, including details regarding data storage, retention, and access.

Commenters responding to the *Third FNPRM* emphasize the importance of maintaining texters' privacy to ensure trust in the 988 Lifeline. We invite commenters to provide further detail regarding existing or proposed administrative, technical, and procedural safeguards that help maintain texters' privacy throughout the routing process. For instance, what measures, if any, are in place to encrypt, anonymize, and secure location data, and how do any such measures help maintain the privacy of 988 texters? How will CMRS providers, the Lifeline Administrator, their vendors, and any other entities involved in the text flow ensure that location data cannot be disclosed or used for extraneous or unrelated commercial purposes? Do entities involved in the text flow have safeguards against monetization practices or unauthorized access by malicious actors, and if so, what are they?

We seek to ensure that our actions with respect to text-to-988 georouting maintain the confidence of individuals in crisis that their information will remain confidential when communicating with crisis counselors. Anything less may have a chilling effect on the lifesaving crisis and suicide prevention services offered by 988 Lifeline. Are there additional privacy measures we should consider to prevent unintended chilling effects as the Commission continues to enhance 988 Lifeline through georouting capabilities? We seek comment on whether georouting for text-to-988 may discourage individuals from seeking assistance from the 988 Lifeline and if there are solutions that would minimize any such effects. Specifically, we seek comment on the CPAC Foundation's recommendation to establish an informed consent process for 988 Lifeline users wherein the user could determine how much information they would like to disclose. Could a consent mechanism be developed as part of the georouting solutions described above? Could it be incorporated into any text routing protocol? What mechanisms are in place, or would need to be in place, to ensure meaningful consent or understanding of georouting data use? What are the advantages and disadvantages of establishing an

informed consent process? Is there a way to increase transparency about what data, if any, is collected? Are there any other issues that the Commission should consider in its efforts to ensure that the 988 Lifeline has the necessary information to connect help-seekers with local crisis centers while maintaining 988 texters' privacy and confidentiality?

Federal Communications Commission,  
**Trent Harkrader,**  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 25-108; RM-11998; DA 25-168; FR ID 282633]

#### Television Broadcasting Services Hazard, Kentucky

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray or Petitioner), the licensee of WYMT-TV, channel 12, Hazard, Kentucky (Station or WYMT-TV). Petitioner requests that the Bureau substitute channel 12 for channel 20 at Hazard, Kentucky in the Table of TV Allotments (table).

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before April 3, 2025 and reply comments on or before April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Joan Stewart, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Harrison, Media Bureau, at [Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov](mailto:Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov), (202) 418-1665, or Mark Colombo, Media Bureau, at [Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov](mailto:Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov), (202) 418-7611.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 27, 2022, the Bureau granted a petition for rulemaking submitted by Gray to substitute channel 20 for channel 12 at Hazard for WYMT-TV. On March 9, 2022, Gray was granted a construction permit for its new channel, with an expiration date of March 9,

2025. In its Petition, Gray states that it is unable to complete construction of the channel 20 facility by the expiration date. Thus, Gray requests amendment of the table to allow it to continue to operate on channel 12 and proposes to specify the technical parameters of its currently licensed channel 12 facility.

We believe that the Petitioner's channel substitution proposal for WYMT-TV warrants consideration. WYMT-TV is currently operating on channel 12 and the substitution of channel 12 for channel 20 in the table will allow the Station to remain on the air and continue to provide service to viewers within its service area. Given that Gray proposes to utilize its currently licensed parameters, we believe channel 12 can be substituted for channel 20 at Hazard as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618(a) of the Commission's rules (Rules), at coordinates 37°11'–38.0' N and 83°10'–52.0' W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the Rules.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 25-108; RM-11998; DA 25-168, adopted February 25, 2025, and released February 25, 2025. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited from the time a notice of proposed rulemaking is issued to the time the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, *see* 47 CFR 1.1208. There are, however, exceptions to this prohibition, which can be found in § 1.1204(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1204(a).

*See* §§ 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules for information

regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

**Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act:** The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118-9, requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to post online a brief plain-language summary of the proposed rule. The required summary of this notice of proposed rulemaking is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings>.

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Thomas Horan,**

Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.

### Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

### PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

- 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

- 2. In § 73.622, in the table in paragraph (j), under Kentucky, revise the entry for "Hazard" to read as follows:

#### § 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

Community	Channel No.
*	*
<b>Kentucky</b>	
*	*
Hazard .....	12, * 33
*	*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MB Docket No. 25-106; RM-11996; DA 25-166; FR ID 282584]

**Television Broadcasting Services  
Monroe, Louisiana****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray or Petitioner), the licensee of KNOE-TV, channel 8, Monroe, Louisiana (Station or KNOE-TV). Petitioner requests that the Bureau substitute channel 8 for channel 24 at Monroe, Louisiana in the Table of TV Allotments (table).

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before April 3, 2025 and reply comments on or before April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Joan Stewart, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP, 2050 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Harrison, Media Bureau, at [Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov](mailto:Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov), (202) 418-1665, or Mark Colombo, Media Bureau, at [Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov](mailto:Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov), (202) 418-7611.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 11, 2022, the Bureau granted a petition for rulemaking submitted by Gray to substitute channel 24 for channel 8 at Monroe for KNOE-TV. On March 1, 2022, Gray was granted a construction permit for its new channel, with an expiration date of March 1, 2025. In its Petition, Gray states that it is unable to complete construction of the channel 24 facility by the expiration date. Thus, Gray requests amendment of the table to allow it to continue to operate on channel 8, and proposes to specify the technical parameters of its currently licensed channel 8 facility.

We believe that the Petitioner's channel substitution proposal for

KNOE-TV warrants consideration. KNOE-TV is currently operating on channel 8 and the substitution of channel 8 for channel 24 in the table will allow the Station to remain on the air and continue to provide service to viewers within its service area. Given that Gray proposes to utilize its currently licensed parameters, we believe channel 8 can be substituted for channel 24 at Monroe as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618(a) of the Commission's rules (Rules), at coordinates 32°11'–51.0" N and 92°04'–14.0" W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the Rules.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 25-106; RM-11996; DA 25-166, adopted February 25, 2025, and released February 25, 2025. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, do not apply to this proceeding.

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**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Thomas Horan,**  
*Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.***Proposed Rule**

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

**PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES**

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

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

■ 2. In § 73.622, in the table in paragraph (j), under Louisiana, revise the entry for "Monroe" to read as follows:

**§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.**

Community	Channel No.
*	*
(j) * * *	
*	*
Louisiana	
*	*
Monroe .....	8, * 13.
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# Notices

## Federal Register

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 3, 2025. 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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

*Title:* Agricultural Prices—Substantive Change.

*OMB Control Number:* 0535-0003.

*Summary of Collection:* The U.S. Department of Agriculture needs estimates of prices received by farmers and prices paid by farmers for production goods and services for the following purposes:

- computing Parity Prices in accordance with requirements of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended;
- estimating value of production, inventory values, and cash receipts from farming;
- determining the level for farmer owned reserves;
- providing guidelines for Risk Management Agency price selection options;
- determining Federal disaster prices to be paid;
- input into agriculture's contribution to the national income and product accounts (NIPA);
- use in agriculture's contribution to national gross domestic product (GDP);
- establishing USDA's net farm income projections by the Economic Research Service; and
- determining the grazing fee on Federal lands.

General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 (a). This statute specifies that "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . . and shall distribute them among agriculturalists."

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the Agricultural Prices information collection request (OMB No. 0535-0003) to adjust data collection in effort to increase efficiency by eliminating one survey and collecting data for that eliminated survey on another survey with a more reliable population for reporting peanut seed prices. There is no change in total burden as a result of this change.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The NASS price program computes annual

U.S. weighted average prices received by farmers for wheat, barley, oats, corn, grain sorghum, rice, cotton, peanuts, pulse crops and oilseeds based on monthly marketing. Estimates of prices received are used by NASS to determine the value of agricultural production. Prices estimates are used by many Government agencies as a general measure of commodity price changes, economic analysis relating to farm income and alternative marketing policies, and for disaster and insurance payments. NASS estimates based on these surveys are used as a Principle Economic Indicator of the United States. These price estimates are also used to compute Parity Prices in accordance with requirements of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended (Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301(a)).

*Description of Respondents:* Farms; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 39,525.

*Frequency of Responses:* Weekly; Monthly; Quarterly; Biennially; Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 25,205.

**Levi S. Harrell,**  
*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Foreign Agricultural Service to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a currently approved information collection for the Emerging Markets Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 5, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by the OMB Control number

0551-0048, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.

- *Email:* [PODAdmin@usda.gov](mailto:PODAdmin@usda.gov). Include OMB Control number 0551-0048 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:* Curt Alt, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6512, Washington, DC 20250.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number for this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curt Alt, (202) 690-4784, [PODAdmin@usda.gov](mailto:PODAdmin@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Emerging Markets Program. *OMB Number:* 0551-0048.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 2025.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the USDA Emerging Markets Program, information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities authorized under the program.

Recipients of grants under the program must submit performance and financial reports as set forth in the Emerging Market Program regulations, located at 7 CFR part 1486. Submitted information is used to develop effective grant agreements and assure that statutory requirements and program objectives are met.

*Estimate of Burden:* The public reporting burden for each respondent resulting from information collection under the USDA Emerging Markets Program varies in direct relation to the number and type of agreements entered into by such respondent. The estimated average reporting burden for the USDA Emerging Markets Program is 6.4 hours per response.

*Type of Respondents:* U.S. private or government entities such as private

organizations, agricultural cooperatives, universities, state departments of agriculture, Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and export trade associations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50 per annum.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 5 per annum.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents:* 2,100 hours.

Copies of this information collection may be obtained from Ken Vernon, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at [kenneth.vernon@usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.vernon@usda.gov).

*Requests for Comments:* Send comments regarding (a) whether the 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 of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print,

audiotape, etc.) should contact [RARequest@usda.gov](mailto:RARequest@usda.gov).

**Mark Slupek,**

*Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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**CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS REVIEW BOARD**

[**Agency Docket Number:** CRCCRRB-2025-0010-N]

**Notice of Formal Determination on Records Release**

**AGENCY:** Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board received 602 pages of records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) related to three civil rights cold case incidents to which the Review Board assigned the unique identifiers 2023-002-008, 2024-003-006, and 2024-003-031. The agencies proposed 643 postponements of disclosure. On February 20, 2025, the Review Board met and approved 271 postponements, requested changes to 27 postponements, and determined that 520 pages in full and 82 pages in part should be publicly disclosed in the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection. By issuing this notice, the Review Board complies with section 7(c)(4) of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 that requires the Review Board to publish in the **Federal Register** its determinations on the disclosure or postponement of records in the Collection no more than 14 days after the date of its decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Incident identifier	Postponement identifier	Review board decision
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0173 through 2024-DOJ-02-0179 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0180 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0181 through 2024-DOJ-02-0194 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0195 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0196 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0197 and 2024-DOJ-02-0198 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0199 through 2024-DOJ-02-0212 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0213 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0214 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0215 through 2024-DOJ-02-0224 .....	Reject.

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2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0225 through 2024-DOJ-02-0228 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0229 through 2024-DOJ-02-0235 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0236 through 2024-DOJ-02-0240 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0241 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0242 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0243 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0244 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0245 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0246 and 2024-DOJ-02-0247 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0248 through 2024-DOJ-02-0267 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0268 through 2024-DOJ-02-0270 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0271 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0272 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0273 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0274 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0275 and 2024-DOJ-02-0276 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0277 and 2024-DOJ-02-0278 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0279 through 2024-DOJ-02-0292 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0293 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0294 through 2024-DOJ-02-0308 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0309 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0310 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0311 through 2024-DOJ-02-0313 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0314 through 2024-DOJ-02-0319 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0320 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-DOJ-02-0321 through 2024-DOJ-02-0329 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0603 through 2024-FBI-02-0605 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0606 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0607 through 2024-FBI-02-0641 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0642 through 2024-FBI-02-0646 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0647 through 2024-FBI-02-0680 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0681 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0682 through 2024-FBI-02-0685 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0686 through 2024-FBI-02-0692 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0693 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0694 through 2024-FBI-02-0697 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0698 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0699 through 2024-FBI-02-0701 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0702 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0703 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0704 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0705 and 2024-FBI-02-0706 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0707 through 2024-FBI-02-0710 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0711 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0712 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0713 and 2024-FBI-02-0714 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0715 and 2024-FBI-02-0716 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0717 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0718 through 2024-FBI-02-0722 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0723 through 2024-FBI-02-0725 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0726 through 2024-FBI-02-0728 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0729 and 2024-FBI-02-0730 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0731 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0732 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0733 through 2024-FBI-02-0735 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0736 through 2024-FBI-02-0738 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0739 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0740 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0741 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0742 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0743 through 2024-FBI-02-0745 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0746 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0747 through 2024-FBI-02-0752 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0753 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0754 through 2024-FBI-02-0759 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0760 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0761 and 2024-FBI-02-0762 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0763 through 2024-FBI-02-0777 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0778 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0779 and 2024-FBI-02-0780 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0781 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0782 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0783 and 2024-FBI-02-0784 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0785 .....	Approve.

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2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0786 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0787 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0788 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0789 through 2024-FBI-02-0792 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0793 and 2024-FBI-02-0794 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0795 and 2024-FBI-02-0796 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0797 and 2024-FBI-02-0798 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0799 through 2024-FBI-02-0803 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0804 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0805 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0806 through 2024-FBI-02-0809 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0810 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0811 through 2024-FBI-02-0820 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0821 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0822 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0823 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0824 through 2024-FBI-02-0826 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0827 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0828 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0829 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0830 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0831 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0832 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0833 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0834 through 2024-FBI-02-0836 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0837 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0838 and 2024-FBI-02-0839 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0840 through 2024-FBI-02-0853 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0854 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0855 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0856 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0857 through 2024-FBI-02-0861 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0862 through 2024-FBI-02-0865 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0866 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0867 through 2024-FBI-02-0875 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0876 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0877 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0878 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0879 through 2024-FBI-02-0890 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0891 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0892 through 2024-FBI-02-0900 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0901 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0902 and 2024-FBI-02-0903 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0904 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0905 through 2024-FBI-02-0912 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0913 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0914 through 2024-FBI-02-0918 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0919 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0920 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0921 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0922 and 2024-FBI-02-0923 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0924 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0925 through 2024-FBI-02-0940 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0941 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0942 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0943 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0944 through 2024-FBI-02-0947 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0948 through 2024-FBI-02-0951 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0952 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0953 through 2024-FBI-02-0960 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0961 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0962 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0963 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0964 through 2024-FBI-02-0977 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0978 and 2024-FBI-02-0979 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0980 and 2024-FBI-02-0981 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0982 through 2024-FBI-02-0986 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0987 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0988 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0989 through 2024-FBI-02-0992 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0993 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-0994 through 2024-FBI-02-1003 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1004 .....	Reject.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1005 .....	Approve.

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2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1006 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1007 through 2024-FBI-02-1009 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1010 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1011 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1012 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1013 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1014 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1015 .....	Approve.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1016 .....	Approve with changes.
2023-002-008 .....	2024-FBI-02-1017 through 2024-FBI-02-1019 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0009 .....	Approve with changes.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0010 through 2024-NARA-03-0013 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0014 .....	Approve with changes.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0015 and 2024-NARA-03-0016 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0017 .....	Reject.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0018 and 2024-NARA-03-0019 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0020 .....	Approve with changes.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0021 through 2024-NARA-03-0032 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0033 through 2024-NARA-03-0035 .....	Approve with changes.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0036 through 2024-NARA-03-0040 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0041 through 2024-NARA-03-0043 .....	Approve with changes.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0044 through 2024-NARA-03-0058 .....	Approve.
2024-003-006 .....	2024-NARA-03-0059 through 2024-NARA-03-0072 .....	Reject.
2024-003-031 .....	2024-NARA-03-0073 through 2024-NARA-03-0076 .....	Reject.
2024-003-031 .....	2024-NARA-03-0077 .....	Approve.

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Dated: February 26, 2025.

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Chief of Staff.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**International Trade Administration**  
[A-549-839]

**Steel Propane Cylinders From Thailand: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022-2023**

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that Sahamitr Pressure Container Plc. (also known as Sahamitr Pressure Container Public Company Limited) (SMPC) made sales of subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR) August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023.

**DATES:** Applicable March 4, 2025.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On September 13, 2024, Commerce published the preliminary results of the 2022-2023 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on steel propane cylinders from Thailand in the **Federal Register** and invited interested parties to comment.<sup>1</sup> On December 9, 2024, Commerce tolled the deadline to issue the final results in this administrative review by 90 days.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the deadline for these final results is now April 11, 2025. For a complete description of the events that occurred since the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup>

Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

**Scope of the Order<sup>4</sup>**

The products covered by the *Order* are steel propane cylinders from

<sup>1</sup> See *Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2022-2023*, 89 FR 74878 (September 13, 2024) (*Preliminary Results*), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum (PDM).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum, “Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings,” dated December 9, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand; 2022-2023,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See *Steel Propane Cylinders from the People's Republic of China and Thailand: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and*

Thailand. A full description of the scope of the *Order* is contained in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup>

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues that parties raised, and to which we responded in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, is attached as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

**Final Results of the Review**

For these final results, we determine that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Sahamitr Pressure Container Plc	3.18

<sup>5</sup> See Issues and Decision Memorandum at 2-3.

## Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to parties in the proceeding the calculations performed in connection with the final results of review within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of the final results in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because we made no changes from the *Preliminary Results*, there are no calculations to disclose.

## Assessment Rates

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.213, and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), Commerce has determined, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), where the respondent reported the entered value of its U.S. sales, we calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales for which entered value was reported. Where the respondent did not report entered value, we calculated a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total quantity associated with those sales. To determine whether an importer-specific, per-unit assessment rate is *de minimis*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we also calculated an importer-specific *ad valorem* ratio based on estimated entered values. Where the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Commerce's "automatic assessment" will apply to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by SMPC for which the company did not know that the merchandise it sold to an intermediary (e.g., a reseller, trading company, or exporter) was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> For a full discussion of this practice, see *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (i.e., within 90 days of publication). The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise under review and for future cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties, where applicable.

## Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of these final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for SMPC will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in these final results of this administrative review (except if that rate is *de minimis*, in which situation the cash deposit rate will be zero); (2) for merchandise exported by companies not covered in this review but covered in a prior completed segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the completed segment for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the less-than-fair-value investigation, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the most recently completed segment for the producer of the subject merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will continue to be the all-others rate (i.e., 10.77 percent *ad valorem*).<sup>7</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

## Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to

<sup>7</sup> See Order.

comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

## 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), 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 sanctionable violation.

## Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is being issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

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

## Appendix

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V. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-182, A-552-845]

### Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products From the People's Republic of China 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 March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Lipka at (202) 482-7976 (the

People's Republic of China (China); Zachary Shaykin at (202) 482-2638 (the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam)), AD/CVD Operations, Offices VII and IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On October 28, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of imports of thermoformed molded fiber products (molded fiber products) from China and Vietnam.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than March 17, 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 an 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<sup>2</sup> 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 February 12, 2025, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determinations in these LTFV investigations.<sup>3</sup> The petitioners stated

that they request postponement due to "the size and complexity of these investigations, the numerous extensions of time received by respondents to submit responses to {Commerce's} initial questionnaire, and {Commerce's} concurrent countervailing duty investigations concerning thermoformed molded fiber products from China and Vietnam."<sup>4</sup>

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determinations no later than May 6, 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.

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

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Christopher Abbott,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.* [FR Doc. 2025-03450 Filed 3-3-25; 8:45 am]

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting of a Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) will hold a virtual meeting on Friday, March 14, 2025 from 11:00–11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public with registration instructions provided below. This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed topics for the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time (ET). The deadline for members of the public to

register to participate, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 13, 2025. Members of the public must register by that date to participate.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Requests to register to participate (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted via email to Ms. Megan Hyndman, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, at *Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Megan Hyndman, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration (Phone: 202-823-1839; email: *Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ETTAC is mandated by Section 2313(c) of the Export Enhancement Act of 1988, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 4728(c), to advise the Environmental Trade Promotion Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee on the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental technologies, goods, services, and products. The ETTAC was most recently re-chartered through August 6, 2026. In accordance with the ETTAC's charter, the ETTAC advises the Working Group through the Secretary of Commerce.

On Friday, March 14, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET, the ETTAC will hold the second meeting of its current charter term. During the meeting, committee members will deliberate on proposed recommendation topics. An agenda will be made available upon request to Megan Hyndman.

The meeting will be open to the public and time will be permitted for public comment before the close of the meeting. Members of the public seeking to attend the meeting are required to register by Thursday, March 13, at 5:00 p.m. ET, via the contact information provided above. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at *Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov* or (202) 823-1839 no less than one week prior to the meeting. Requests received after this date will be accepted, but it may not be possible to accommodate them.

Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome any time before or after the meeting. To be considered during the meeting, written comments

<sup>1</sup> See *Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products from the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 87551 (November 4, 2024) (Initiation Notice).

<sup>2</sup> The petitioners are Genera; Tellus Products, LLC; and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO.

<sup>3</sup> See Petitioners' Letter, "Thermoformed Molded Fiber Products from the People's Republic of China and Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Petitioners' Request to Extend Antidumping Preliminary Determination," dated February 12, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2.

must be received by Thursday, March 13, at 5:00 p.m. EST to ensure transmission to the members before the meeting. Draft minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Man K. Cho,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List

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

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

### Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping duty (AD) or countervailing duty (CVD) order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) conduct an administrative review of that AD or CVD order, finding, or suspended investigation.

All deadlines for the submission of comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting date.

### Respondent Selection

In the event Commerce limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews initiated pursuant to requests made for the orders identified below, Commerce intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the period of review (POR). We intend to release the CBP data under

Administrative Protective Order (APO) to all parties having an APO within five days of publication of the initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 35 days of publication of the initiation **Federal Register** notice. Therefore, we encourage all parties interested in commenting on respondent selection to submit their APO applications on the date of publication of the initiation notice, or as soon thereafter as possible. Commerce invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within five days of placement of the CBP data on the record of the review.

In the event Commerce decides it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under section 777A(c)(2) of the Act:

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

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

completed segment of a proceeding where Commerce considered collapsing that entity, complete quantity and value data for that collapsed entity must be submitted.

### Deadline for Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review

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

### Deadline for Particular Market Situation Allegation

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

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

*Opportunity to Request a Review:* Not later than the last day of March 2025,<sup>2</sup> interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended

<sup>1</sup> See Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Public Law 114-27, 129 Stat. 362 (2015).

<sup>2</sup> Or the next business day, if the deadline falls on a weekend, Federal holiday or any other day when Commerce is closed.

investigations, with anniversary dates in March for the following periods:

	Period to be reviewed
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
AUSTRALIA: Certain Uncoated Paper, A-602-807 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
BELGIUM: Acetone, A-423-814 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
BRAZIL: Certain Uncoated Paper, A-351-842 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
CANADA: Iron Construction Castings, A-122-503 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
FRANCE: Brass Sheet & Strip, A-427-602 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
GERMANY: Brass Sheet & Strip, A-428-602 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
INDIA: Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin, A-533-899 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
INDIA: Large Diameter Welded Pipe, A-533-881 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
INDIA: Off-The-Road Tires, A-533-869 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
INDONESIA: Certain Uncoated Paper, A-560-828 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
ITALY: Brass Sheet & Strip, A-475-601 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
PORTUGAL: Certain Uncoated Paper, A-471-807 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Acetone, A-580-899 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
RUSSIA: Silicon Metal, A-821-817 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
RUSSIA: Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin, A-821-829 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
SOUTH AFRICA: Acetone, A-791-824 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
SOUTH AFRICA: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod, A-791-823 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
TAIWAN: Light-Walled Welded Rectangular Carbon Steel Tubing, A-583-803 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
THAILAND: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes, A-549-502 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:	
Ammonium Sulfate, A-570-049 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Amorphous Silica Fabric, A-570-038 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products, A-570-036 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate, A-570-047 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Corrosion Inhibitors, A-570-122 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon, A-570-075 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Uncoated Paper, A-570-022 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 22C and 999CC, and Parts Thereof, A-570-119 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe, A-570-930 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Difluoromethane, A-570-121 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Glycine, A-570-836 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Large Diameter Welded Carbon and Alloy Steel Line and Structural Pipe, A-570-077 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Pentafluoroethane (R-125), A-570-137 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Sodium Hexametaphosphate, A-570-908 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
Tissue Paper Products, A-570-894 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
UKRAINE: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod, A-823-816 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
INDIA:	
Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber, C-533-876 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin, C-533-900 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Large Diameter Welded Carbon and Alloy Steel Line Pipe, C-533-882 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Off-The-Road Tires, C-533-870 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Sulfanilic Acid, C-533-807 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
INDONESIA: Certain Uncoated Paper, C-560-829 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
IRAN: In-Shell Pistachios, C-507-501 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes, C-489-502 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
RUSSIA: Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin, C-821-830 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:	
Ammonium Sulfate, C-570-050 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Amorphous Silica Fabric, C-570-039 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products, C-570-037 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate, C-570-048 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Certain Corrosion Inhibitors, C-570-123 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Certain Plastic Decorative Ribbon, C-570-076 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Certain Uncoated Paper, C-570-023 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Certain Vertical Shaft Engines Between 22C and 999CC, and Parts Thereof, C-570-120 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe, C-570-931 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber, C-570-061 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Large Diameter Welded Pipe, C-570-078 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
Pentafluoroethane (R-125), C-570-138 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>	
ARGENTINA:	
White Grape Juice Concentrate, A-357-825 .....	3/1/24-2/28/25
White Grape Juice Concentrate, C-357-826 .....	1/1/24-12/31/24

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), an interested party as defined by section 771(9) of the Act may request in writing that Commerce conduct an administrative review. For both AD and CVD reviews, the interested party must specify the individual producers or exporters covered by an AD finding or an AD or CVD order or suspension agreement for which it is requesting a review. In addition, a domestic interested party or an interested party described in section 771(9)(B) of the Act must state why it desires Commerce to review those particular producers or exporters. If the interested party intends for Commerce to review sales of merchandise by an exporter (or a producer if that producer also exports merchandise from other suppliers) which was produced in more than one country of origin and each country of origin is subject to a separate order, then the interested party must state specifically, on an order-by-order basis, which exporter(s) the request is intended to cover.

Note that, for any party Commerce was unable to locate in prior segments, Commerce will not accept a request for an administrative review of that party absent new information as to the party's location. Moreover, if the interested party who files a request for review is unable to locate the producer or exporter for which it requested the review, the interested party must provide an explanation of the attempts it made to locate the producer or exporter at the same time it files its request for review, in order for Commerce to determine if the interested party's attempts were reasonable, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.303(f)(3)(ii).

As explained in *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003), and *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011), Commerce clarified its practice with respect to the collection of final antidumping duties on imports of merchandise where intermediate firms are involved. The public should be aware of this clarification in determining whether to request an administrative review of merchandise subject to antidumping findings and orders.<sup>3</sup>

Commerce no longer considers the non-market economy (NME) entity as an exporter conditionally subject to an AD

administrative review.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the NME entity will not be under review unless Commerce specifically receives a request for, or self-initiates, a review of the NME entity.<sup>5</sup> In administrative reviews of AD orders on merchandise from NME countries where a review of the NME entity has not been initiated, but where an individual exporter for which a review was initiated does not qualify for a separate rate, Commerce will issue a final decision indicating that the company in question is part of the NME entity. However, in that situation, because no review of the NME entity was conducted, the NME entity's entries were not subject to the review and the rate for the NME entity is not subject to change as a result of that review (although the rate for the individual exporter may change as a function of the finding that the exporter is part of the NME entity). Following initiation of an AD administrative review when there is no review requested of the NME entity, Commerce will instruct CBP to liquidate entries for all exporters not named in the initiation notice, including those that were suspended at the NME entity rate.

All requests must be filed electronically in Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS) on Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS website at <https://access.trade.gov>.<sup>6</sup> Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(1)(i), a copy of each request must be served on the petitioner and each exporter or producer specified in the request. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>7</sup>

Commerce will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Initiation of Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation" for requests received by the last day of March 2025. If Commerce does not

receive, by the last day of March 2025, a request for review of entries covered by an order, finding, or suspended investigation listed in this notice and for the period identified above, Commerce will instruct CBP to assess antidumping or countervailing duties on those entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping or countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

For the first administrative review of any order, there will be no assessment of antidumping or countervailing duties on entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the relevant provisional-measures "gap" period of the order, if such a gap period is applicable to the period of review.

#### Establishment of and Updates to the Annual Inquiry Service List

On September 20, 2021, Commerce published the final rule titled "*Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*" in the **Federal Register**.<sup>8</sup> On September 27, 2021, Commerce also published the notice entitled "*Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*" in the **Federal Register**.<sup>9</sup> The *Final Rule* and *Procedural Guidance* provide that Commerce will maintain an annual inquiry service list for each order or suspended investigation, and any interested party submitting a scope ruling application or request for circumvention inquiry shall serve a copy of the application or request on the persons on the annual inquiry service list for that order, as well as any companion order covering the same merchandise from the same country of origin.<sup>10</sup>

In accordance with the *Procedural Guidance*, for orders published in the **Federal Register** before November 4, 2021, Commerce created an annual inquiry service list segment for each order and suspended investigation. Interested parties who wished to be added to the annual inquiry service list for an order submitted an entry of appearance to the annual inquiry service list segment for the order in

<sup>4</sup> See *Antidumping Proceedings: Announcement of Change in Department Practice for Respondent Selection in Antidumping Duty Proceedings and Conditional Review of the Nonmarket Economy Entity in NME Antidumping Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 65963 (November 4, 2013).

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), parties should specify that they are requesting a review of entries from exporters comprising the entity, and to the extent possible, include the names of such exporters in their request.

<sup>6</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011).

<sup>7</sup> See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings; Final Rule*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

<sup>8</sup> See *Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws*, 86 FR 52300 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).

<sup>9</sup> See *Scope Ruling Application; Annual Inquiry Service List; and Informational Sessions*, 86 FR 53205 (September 27, 2021) (*Procedural Guidance*).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See the Enforcement and Compliance website at <https://www.trade.gov/us-antidumping-and-countervailing-duties>.

ACCESS and, on November 4, 2021, Commerce finalized the initial annual inquiry service lists for each order and suspended investigation. Each annual inquiry service list has been saved as a public service list in ACCESS, under each case number, and under a specific segment type called “AISL-Annual Inquiry Service List.”<sup>11</sup>

As mentioned in the *Procedural Guidance*, beginning in January 2022, Commerce will update these annual inquiry service lists on an annual basis when the *Opportunity Notice* for the anniversary month of the order or suspended investigation is published in the **Federal Register**.<sup>12</sup> Accordingly, Commerce will update the annual inquiry service lists for the above-listed AD and CVD proceedings. All interested parties wishing to appear on the updated annual inquiry service list must take one of the two following actions: (1) new interested parties who did not previously submit an entry of appearance must submit a new entry of appearance at this time; (2) interested parties who were included in the preceding annual inquiry service list must submit an amended entry of appearance to be included in the next year’s annual inquiry service list. For these interested parties, Commerce will change the entry of appearance status from “Active” to “Needs Amendment” for the annual inquiry service lists corresponding to the above-listed proceedings. This will allow those interested parties to make any necessary amendments and resubmit their entries of appearance. If no amendments need to be made, the interested party should indicate in the area on the ACCESS form requesting an explanation for the amendment that it is resubmitting its entry of appearance for inclusion in the annual inquiry service list for the following year. As mentioned in the *Final Rule*,<sup>13</sup> once the petitioners and foreign governments have submitted an entry of appearance for the first time, they will automatically be added to the updated annual inquiry service list each year.

<sup>11</sup> This segment has been combined with the ACCESS Segment Specific Information (SSI) field which will display the month in which the notice of the order or suspended investigation was published in the **Federal Register**, also known as the anniversary month. For example, for an order under case number A-000-000 that was published in the **Federal Register** in January, the relevant segment and SSI combination will appear in ACCESS as “AISL-January Anniversary.” Note that there will be only one annual inquiry service list segment per case number, and the anniversary month will be pre-populated in ACCESS.

<sup>12</sup> See *Procedural Guidance*, 86 FR at 53206.

<sup>13</sup> See *Final Rule*, 86 FR at 52335.

Interested parties have 30 days after the date of this notice to submit new or amended entries of appearance.

Commerce will then finalize the annual inquiry service lists five business days thereafter. For ease of administration, please note that Commerce requests that law firms with more than one attorney representing interested parties in a proceeding designate a lead attorney to be included on the annual inquiry service list.

Commerce may update an annual inquiry service list at any time as needed based on interested parties’ amendments to their entries of appearance to remove or otherwise modify their list of members and representatives, or to update contact information. Any changes or announcements pertaining to these procedures will be posted to the ACCESS website at <https://access.trade.gov>.

#### Special Instructions for Petitioners and Foreign Governments

In the *Final Rule*, Commerce stated that, “after an initial request and placement on the annual inquiry service list, both petitioners and foreign governments will automatically be placed on the annual inquiry service list in the years that follow.”<sup>14</sup>

Accordingly, as stated above and pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(n)(3), the petitioners and foreign governments will not need to resubmit their entries of appearance each year to continue to be included on the annual inquiry service list. However, the petitioners and foreign governments are responsible for making amendments to their entries of appearance during the annual update to the annual inquiry service list in accordance with the procedures described above.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: February 14, 2025.

**Scot Fullerton,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Childcare Benefit Forms

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Childcare Benefit Forms for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling AmeriCorps, Courtney Russell, at 202-380-7825 or by email to [CRussell@americorps.gov](mailto:CRussell@americorps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCs, 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

**Comments**

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2024, at 89 FR 102118. The comment period ended February 18, 2025. No public comments were received from that notice.

**Title of Collection:** Childcare Benefit Forms.

**OMB Control Number:** 3045–0142.

**Type of Review:** Renewal.

**Respondents/Affected Public:**

AmeriCorps members and their childcare providers.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 450 AmeriCorps members

and 590 childcare providers.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 520.

**Abstract:** AmeriCorps' childcare benefit forms are submitted by AmeriCorps members seeking childcare assistance and by the childcare providers identified by the members, for the purpose of applying for and receiving payment for the care of members' children during the day while the member is in service. Completion of this information is required to receive a benefit (e.g., receive payment for childcare provider invoices). Eight forms are included in this information collection: (1) provider application; (2) member application; (3) childcare attendance sheet; (4) statement of work activity; (5) member update form; (6) childcare payment authorization; (7) AmeriCorps unlicensed provider affidavit; and (8) program certification of active service. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on March 31, 2025.

**Carly Bruder,**

*Acting Chief Program Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****2025 Public Interface Control Working Group and Open Public Forum**

**AGENCY:** Space Systems Command, United States Space Force, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the Space Systems Command, Military Communications and Positioning, Navigation, Timing Directorate will host the 2025 Public Interface Control Working Group and Open Public Forum on May 13, 2025 for the following NAVSTAR GPS public

documents: IS–GPS–200 (Navigation User Interfaces), IS–GPS–705 (User Segment L5 Interfaces), and IS–GPS–800 (User Segment L1C Interface). Additional logistical details can be found below.

**DATES:** Open to the public Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

**ADDRESSES:** This virtual meeting can be accessed via the following URLs and dial-in numbers:

**Microsoft Teams:** [\*\*Dial in:\*\* telephone \(571\) 544–7242, conference ID: 607 943 486#](https://gov.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3agcc%3ameeting_7ae7d32ad71f4ba5a8f6ac8eedef185e%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22728ac41d-52a3-4e8c-b431-b300a7a7ee8b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ffc24286-a31c-46c4-9bb6-b1477914f119%22%7d, Meeting ID: 992414 074 763, Passcode: YM2gn9Qm</a></p>
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**Backup Microsoft Teams:** [\*\*Backup Dial in:\*\* telephone \(410\) 874–6750, conference ID: 317 889 680#](https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting_135600195021477ca5fc36d7c732ccff%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2287a32064-cfb0-4c32-867b-0f7cf2dd1434%22%7d, Meeting ID: 993820 521 45, Passcode: VY95Re9j</a></p>
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If you wish to attend in person, please place a request via the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**INFORMATION CONTACT.** In person attendance will be determined by room capacity at SAIC, 200 CA-1, El Segundo, CA 90245.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel Stevenson, Los Angeles AFB, 483 N. Aviation Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245, telephone (310) 653–3531, email [SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil](mailto:SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on proposed GPS public document changes, collect issues/ comments for analysis and adjudicate subject comments for possible incorporation into future GPS public document revisions. The 2025 Public Interface Control Working Group and Open Forum are open to the public.

Comments to the proposed changes will be collected, catalogued, and adjudicated for potential inclusion. If accepted, these changes will be processed through the government change management process for IS–GPS–200, IS–GPS–705, and IS–GPS–800. All comments must be submitted in a Comments Resolution Matrix. This form along with the proposed change notices, public document baseline

documents, and the official meeting notice are posted at <https://www.gps.gov/technical/icwg/meetings/2025/>.

Please submit comments to the Space Systems Command GPS Requirements Section (SSC/CGEPR) workflow at [SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil](mailto:SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil) by March 21, 2025. Special topics may also be considered for the Public Open Forum. If you wish to present a special topic, please submit your topic title, briefer name, and organization by April 1, 2025. Any briefing materials will be due no later than April 1, 2025.

For those who would like to attend and participate, we request that you register no later than April 30, 2025. Please send the registration information to [SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil](mailto:SSC.CG.PICWG@spaceforce.mil), providing your name, organization, telephone number, email address, and country of citizenship. Meeting is being held virtually. Backup dial-in and screen share website will only be used in case of primary system technical difficulties.

**Tommy W. Lee,**

*Acting Air Force Register Liaison Officer.*

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION****Agency Information Collection****Activities: National Mail Voter Registration Form**

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection (National Mail Voter Registration Form) to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. Section 9(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (“NVRA”) and Section 802 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (“HAVA”) requires the responsible agency to maintain a national mail voter registration form for U.S. citizens that want to register to vote, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or to register with a political party by returning the form to their state election office.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, April 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Office of Personnel Management” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Williams at 202-924-0794, or email [research@eac.gov](mailto:research@eac.gov); U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comments:* Public 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 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Obtaining a Copy of the National Mail Voter Registration Form:* To obtain a free copy of the registration form: (1) Download a copy at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>; or (2) write to the EAC (including your address and phone number) at U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: National Mail Voter Registration Form.

*Title and OMB Number:* National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Regulations for Voter Registration Application; OMB Number 3265-0015.

*Needs and Uses:* Persons wishing to register to vote may use the National Mail Voter Registration form (“Federal form” or “form”) to apply for voter registration. After completing the form, an applicant submits her/his form to their respective state election office for processing. States covered by the NVRA process the information from the form to register an applicant to vote. Neither EAC nor any other Federal agency processes or collects any information from the Federal form that a registration applicant submits to a state. Rather, EAC prescribes the Federal form, and states collect and record the information applicants submit. The Federal form is composed of the registration application, instructions for completing the application (General Instructions

and Application Instructions), and state-specific instructions that identify each state’s particular requirements. A copy of the current form in English and 20 additional translated languages is available on EAC’s website, at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>.

*Affected Public (Respondents):* U.S. citizens eligible to vote in jurisdictions that accept and use the National Mail Voter Registration form.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,500,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 0.12 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 291,667 hours annualized.

*Frequency:* Annually.

**Camden Kelliher,**

*General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <https://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.

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, community organizations, 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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time March 5, 2025.

*Dated:* February 26, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15395-000]

### Low Head Hydro M 13 LLC.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 10, 2025, Low Head Hydro M 13, LLC. filed an application

for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project proposed to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Mississippi River Lock and Dam 13 in Clinton County, IA, and Whiteside County, IL. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Mississippi River Lock and Dam 13 Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) a proposed 300-foot by 200-foot masonry powerhouse located in alignment with the existing Corps' dam, containing three proposed Kaplan bulb or Kaplan pit turbines with a total capacity of 19.05 megawatts; (2) a proposed intake channel of unlined earthen excavation approximately 500 feet long and 200 feet wide, located upstream of the turbine bays and including a 200-foot-long guide wall along the western side of the channel; (3) a proposed 850-foot-long and 500-foot-wide tailrace area of unlined earthen excavation, including a 1,850-foot-long guide wall along the western side of the channel and 520-foot-long guide wall along the eastern side of the channel; (4) a proposed 85-foot-long by 60-foot-wide low profile project substation located downstream from the powerhouse containing a single pad mounted three-phase step-up transformer with a rating between 15 to 25 megawatt-ampere and ancillary equipment; (5) a proposed 4,700-foot-long access road adjacent; (6) an existing dam bridge improved and extended to provide access to the powerhouse along with a proposed public park and parking area adjacent to the new access road; and (7) a proposed 3,400-foot-long, 13.9 to 69-kilovolt (kv) underground transmission line to the project substation and a proposed 4.6 mile, 69-kv transmission line from the substation to the existing 161-kv ITC Midwest Beaver Island substation. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 94,500 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Allen W. Skelly, Low Head Hydro M 13, LLC., 127 Longwood Blvd., Mount Orab, Ohio 45154; phone: (937) 802-8866.

*FERC Contact:* Shivani Khetani; phone: (212) 273-5917, or by email at [shivani.khetani@ferc.gov](mailto:shivani.khetani@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of

intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15395-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P-15395) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2348-050]

### Midwest Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2022, Midwest Hydro, LLC filed a relicense application for a subsequent license to continue operating the 0.48-megawatt Beloit Hydroelectric Project No. 2348 (Beloit Project). The project is located on the Rock River, near the City of Beloit in Rock County, Wisconsin.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 4, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the Beloit Project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Beloit Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the Beloit Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA .....	February 2026. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	March 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laura Washington at

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1740141395.

*Laura.Washington@ferc.gov* or call at 202-502-6072.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ25-6-000]

#### City of Azusa, California; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 27, 2024, City of Azusa, California submits tariff filing: City of Azusa 2025 Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment and Existing Transmission Contract Update to be effective January 1, 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 (<https://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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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time March 5, 2025.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**  
Deputy 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:* PR24-62-000.

*Applicants:* Delaware Link Ventures, LLC.

*Description:* Supplement to 04/01/2024 NGPA Section 311 Statement of Operating Conditions Filing of Delaware Link Ventures, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/25/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250225-5200.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.

*Docket Numbers:* PR25-39-000.

*Applicants:* The East Ohio Gas Company.

*Description:* 284.123(g) Rate Filing: Operating Statement of The East Ohio Gas Company 2/26/2025 to be effective 2/26/2025.

*Filed Date:* 2/25/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250225-5242.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.

*284.123(g) Protest:* 5 p.m. ET 4/28/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-589-000.

*Applicants:* Adelphia Gateway, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing:

Adelphia Gateway Penalty Crediting Report 2025 to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5057.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-590-000.

*Applicants:* Kern River Gas

Transmission Company.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: 2025

Daggett Surcharge Filing to be effective 4/1/2025.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5059.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-591-000.

*Applicants:* TransCameron Pipeline, LLC.

*Description:* Annual Report of Operational Purchases and Sales of TransCameron Pipeline, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5061.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-592-000.

*Applicants:* Venture Global Gator Express, LLC.

*Description:* Annual Report of Operational Purchases and Sales of Venture Global Gator Express LLC.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5081.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-593-000.

*Applicants:* Cove Point LNG, LP.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Cove Point—2025 Annual EPCA to be effective 4/1/2025.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5111.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-594-000.

*Applicants:* Cove Point LNG, LP.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Cove Point—2025 Annual Fuel Retainage to be effective 4/1/2025.

*Filed Date:* 2/26/25.

*Accession Number:* 20250226-5118.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

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

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-505-001.

**Applicants:** Golden Pass Pipeline LLC.

**Description:** Compliance filing: Golden Pass Pipeline LLC Annual Retainage Report 2025 to be effective 12/31/9998.

**Filed Date:** 2/26/25.

**Accession Number:** 20250226-5000.

**Comment Date:** 5 p.m. ET 3/10/25.

Any person desiring to protest in any the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

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

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

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Dated: February 27, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Project No. 2446-052]**

### STS Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2022, STS Hydropower, LLC filed a relicense application for a new major license to continue operating the 3.20-megawatt Dixon Hydroelectric Project No. 2446 (Dixon Project). The project is located on the Rock River, near the City of Dixon in Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 4, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the Dixon Project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Dixon Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Dixon Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA ....	February 2026. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	March 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laura Washington at [Laura.Washington@ferc.gov](mailto:Laura.Washington@ferc.gov) or call at 202-502-6072.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Project No. 2373-016]**

### Midwest Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2022, Midwest Hydro, LLC filed a relicense application for a subsequent license to continue operating the 1.10-megawatt Rockton Hydroelectric Project No. 2373 (Rockton Project). The project is located on the Rock River, in the Township of Rockton, in Winnebago County, Illinois.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 4, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Rockton Project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Rockton Project.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA .....	February 2026. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	March 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laura Washington at

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1740141467.

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1740141426.

*Laura.Washington@ferc.gov* or call at 202-502-6072.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

*Docket Numbers: EC25-59-000.*

*Applicants: Longview Power, LLC.*

*Description: Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Longview Power, LLC.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5116.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

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

*Docket Numbers: ER11-4436-009; ER10-2502-011; ER10-2473-010.*

*Applicants: Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP, Black Hills Power, Inc.*

*Description: Supplement to 08/01/2023, Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, et al.*

*Filed Date: 2/25/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250225-5255.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER12-524-005.*

*Applicants: Longview Power, LLC.*

*Description: Compliance filing: Informational Filing Regarding Upstream Transfer of Ownership to be effective N/A.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5180.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER24-2091-001.*

*Applicants: Paxton BESS 1 LLC.*

*Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Paxton BESS 1 LLC.*

*Filed Date: 2/25/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250225-5256.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-868-001.*

*Applicants: Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC.*

*Description: Tariff Amendment: 2025-02-26\_SA 1926 METC-CE Sub 11th Rev DTIA to be effective 1/1/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5082.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1409-000.*

*Applicants: Sky Ranch Energy Storage II, LLC.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization—Sky Ranch Energy Storage II to be effective 4/27/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/25/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250225-5234.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1410-000.*

*Applicants: Route 66 Energy Storage, LLC.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization—Route 66 Energy Storage to be effective 4/27/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/25/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250225-5237.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1411-000.*

*Applicants: Hornshadow Solar, LLC.*

*Description: Initial rate filing: Filing of Shared Facilities Agreement and Request for Waivers to be effective 3/2/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5034.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1412-000.*

*Applicants: Hornshadow Solar 2, LLC.*

*Description: Initial rate filing: Filing of Shared Facilities Agreement and Request for Waivers to be effective 3/2/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5040.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1413-000.*

*Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-02-26\_SA 3746 Termination of METC-Cereal City Solar E&P (J1430) to be effective 2/27/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5060.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1414-000.*

*Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025-02-26\_SA 3657 Termination of METC-Freshwater Solar E&P (J1379) to be effective 2/27/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5062.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1415-000.*

*Applicants: Lighthouse Arthur Kill, LLC.*

*Description: Compliance filing: Notice of Succession to be effective 2/27/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5120.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1416-000.*

*Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Service Agreement No. 430—E&P w/ Harquahala Sun 5 to be effective 1/28/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5123.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1417-000.*

*Applicants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.*

*Description: Tariff Amendment: DEC-SCPSA Termination of RS No. 637 to be effective 4/28/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5143.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1418-000.*

*Applicants: Duke Energy Florida, LLC.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: DEF-Orange Cogen Reimbursement Agmt RS No. 438 to be effective 5/1/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5160.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1419-000.*

*Applicants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: DEC-SCPSA Dynamic Transfer Agmt RS No. 696 to be effective 5/1/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5170.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

*Docket Numbers: ER25-1420-000.*

*Applicants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.*

*Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: DEC-SCPSA Reimbursement Agmt RS No. 689 to be effective 5/1/2025.*

*Filed Date: 2/26/25.*

*Accession Number: 20250226-5188.*

*Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/25.*

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

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Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2347-064]

#### Midwest Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On August 30, 2022, Midwest Hydro, LLC filed a relicense application for a subsequent license to continue operating the 0.50-megawatt Janesville Hydroelectric Project No. 2347 (Janesville Project). The project is located on the Rock River, near the city of Janesville in Rock County, Wisconsin.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on December 4, 2024, Commission staff issued a notice that the Janesville Project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the Janesville Project would constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the Janesville Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA ....	February 2026. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	March 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laura Washington at *Laura.Washington@ferc.gov* or call at 202-502-6072.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ25-5-000]

#### City of Riverside, California; Notice of Filing (February 26, 2025)

Take notice that on December 17, 2024, City of Riverside, California submits tariff filing: City of Riverside 2025 Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment and Existing Transmission Contracts Update to be effective January 1, 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.

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1740141328.

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 (<https://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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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <https://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.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 5, 2025.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Carlos D. Clay,**

Deputy Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

[Docket No. CP24-22-001]

**Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline,  
Inc.; Notice of Request for Extension  
of Time**

Take notice that on February 18, 2025, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until August 29, 2025, to construct and place into service its Abandonment by Sale (Project) located in the State of Kansas as authorized in the Order Approving Abandonment (Order).<sup>1</sup> The Order required Southern Star to complete construction of the Project and make it available for service within one year of the date of the Order, or by February 28, 2025.

On March 29, 2024, Black Hills Energy (BHE) filed a petition with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to request approval of the sale (March 29 Petition) in Docket No. 24-BHCG-652-ACQ. On January 23, 2025, the KCC issued an Order Acknowledging Extension of Time, extending the deadline to issue a final order to March 24, 2025. The KCC has yet to issue a final order either approving or denying BHE's petition. Due to the absence of approval from the KCC that either accepts or denies BHE's March 29 Petition, Southern Star requests an extension until August 29, 2025.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Southern Star's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>2</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order

acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>5</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>6</sup> The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <https://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

<sup>3</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

<sup>5</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

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

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

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 12, 2025.

Dated: February 25, 2025.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Secretary.*

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**FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSURANCE CORPORATION****Board of Directors Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** Notice of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC), is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the FCSIC.

**DATES:** 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, or virtually. If you would like to virtually attend, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCSIC.gov](https://FCSIC.gov), select "News & Events," then select "Board Meetings." From there, access the linked "Instructions for board meeting visitors" and complete the described registration process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703-883-4009. TTY: 703-883-4056.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public. The following matters will be considered:

<sup>1</sup> Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 186 ¶ 62,094 (2024).

<sup>2</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

**Portions Open to the Public**

- Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2024
- Payment from Allocated Insurance Reserves Accounts
- Policy Statement Concerning Contracting

**Portions Closed to the Public**

- Report on Biennial Liquidity Assistance Exercise
- Annual Report on Contracts
- Annual Report on Whistleblower Activity

**Ashley Waldron,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0207; FR ID 282142]**

**Information Collection Being  
Submitted for Review and Approval to  
Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.” The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public

Comments” or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

*OMB Control Number: 3060-0207.*

**Title:** Part 11—Emergency Alert System (EAS), Order, FCC 21-77.  
**Form No.:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 63,084 respondents; 3,588,845 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 0.017 hours—112 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion and annual reporting requirements.

**Obligation to Respond:** Mandatory and Voluntary. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 606 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 141,414 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No Cost.

**Needs and Uses:** Part 11 contains rules and regulations addressing the nation’s Emergency Alert System (EAS). The EAS provides the President with the capability to provide immediate communications and information to the general public during periods of national emergency over broadcast television and radio, cable, direct broadcast radio and other EAS Participants, as defined in Section 11.11(a) of the Commission’s rules. The EAS also provides state and local governments and the National Weather Service with the capability to provide immediate communications and information to the public concerning emergency situations posing a threat to life and property. Part 11 includes testing requirements to ensure proper and efficient operation of the EAS. State and local use of the EAS, alert processing requirements, and monitoring assignments covering the distribution of EAS alerts within the state, among other things, are required to be described in State EAS Plans that are administered by State Emergency Communications Committees (SECC) and submitted to the FCC annually for approval.

The Order, PS Docket Nos. 15-91 and 15-94, FCC 21-77, pursuant to the directions set forth in Section 9201 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116-283, 134 Stat. 3388, section 9201 (NDAA21), among other things, (i) requires the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) to establish a State EAS Plan Content Checklist composed of the content set forth in section 11.21 of the Commission’s rules, (47 CFR 11.21), post the checklist on the FCC’s website, and incorporate it as an appendix in

ARS user manual; (ii) amend the State EAS Plan requirements in section 11.21 of the Commission's rules to ensure plans are updated annually, require a certification by the SECC Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson that the SECC met (in person, via teleconference, or via other methods of conducting virtual meetings) at least once in the twelve months prior to submitting the annual updated plan, and require that the Bureau approve or reject State EAS Plans submitted for approval within 60 days of receipt; and (iii) require the Bureau to list the approval dates of State EAS Plans submitted on ARS on the Commission's website, and in the event a final decision is made to deny a plan, directly notify the chief executive of the State to which the plan applies of that determination and the reasons for such denial within 30 days of such decision. The Order also amends section 11.45 of the part 11 rules to enable voluntary reporting to the Commission by the FEMA Administrator and Tribal, State, local or territorial governments of false EAS alerts.

The Commission seeks OMB approval of these rule amendments as an extension of a previously approved information collection. Congress has determined that EAS rule changes are necessary to increase oversight over the distribution of state and local EAS alerts within states, and increase false alert reporting capabilities to help ameliorate confusion or other harmful effects that might result from false EAS alerts. The internal State EAS Plan processing requirements and rule changes adopted in the Order will improve State EAS Plan processing and administration, improving the capabilities and efficacy of EAS as a national system for distributing vital alert information to all Americans, and will do so in a cost-effective manner.

The following information collections contained in part 11 may be impacted by the rule amendments described herein.

#### State EAS Plans (47 CFR 11.21)

The establishment of a State EAS Plan Content Checklist for SECCs should have no impact or lessen SECC burdens, and posting it on the FCC's website, and incorporating it as an appendix in the ARS user manual, are routine Bureau activities. The requirement to ensure State EAS Plans are updated annually already was contained in section 11.21, and thus does not represent a new burden.

The amendment to include as a required element in the State EAS Plan, a certification (which will be incorporated into the ARS) by the SECC

Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson that the SECC met (in person, via teleconference, or via other methods of conducting virtual meetings) at least once in the twelve months prior to submitting the annual updated plan to review and update their State EAS Plan should promote added diligence in SECC administration of State EAS Plans. The Commission estimates the burden to SECC members in complying with this requirement to be two hours per member.

The rule amendment requiring the Bureau approve or reject State EAS Plans submitted for approval within 60 days of receipt does not impose new burdens on any entity. The Bureau already is charged with reviewing State EAS Plans. The internal requirement that the Bureau list the approval dates of State EAS Plans submitted on ARS on the Commission's website, and in the event a final decision is made to deny a plan, directly notify the chief executive of the State to which the plan applies of that determination and the reasons for such denial within 30 days, does not impose new burdens on any entity. The Bureau already maintains a web page on the Commission's website dedicated to SECC and State EAS Plan information.

#### False EAS Alert Reporting (47 CFR 11.45)

The amendment enabling the FEMA Administrator and Tribal, State, local or territorial governments to file reports of false EAS alerts provides another mechanism for the Commission to receive information concerning false EAS alerts, does not impose burdens on any entity. Should any permitted government entity voluntarily elect to file a false EAS alert report, the burden associated with this provision amounts to composing an email, which the Commission estimates will take an hour or less to prepare, and falls within the routine activities of government employees. False alert reports help the Commission to identify, investigate, correct and prevent false EAS activations, which enhances the EAS's efficacy and the public trust in the EAS.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0466, OMB 3060-0748, OMB 3060-0975, OMB 3060-1042, OMB 3060-1070, OMB 3060-1184; FR ID 282141]

#### Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might "further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees."

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection.

Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–0466.

*Title:* Sections 74.783, 73.1201 and 74.1283, Station Identification.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities; Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 28,246 respondents; 28,246 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.166–1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement; Recordkeeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or maintain benefits. The

statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i), 303, 307 and 308.

*Total Annual Burden:* 26,735 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* None.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirements for this collection are as following: 47 CFR 73.1201(a) requires television broadcast licensees to make broadcast station identification announcements at the beginning and ending of each time of operation, and hourly, as close to the hour as feasible, at a natural break in program offerings. Television and Class A television broadcast stations may make these announcements visually or aurally.

47 CFR 74.783(b) requires licensees of television translators whose station identification is made by the television station whose signals are being rebroadcast by the translator, must secure agreement with this television station licensee to keep in its file, and available to FCC personnel, the translator's call letters and location, giving the name, address and telephone number of the licensee or his service representative to be contacted in the event of malfunction of the translator. It shall be the responsibility of the translator licensee to furnish current information to the television station licensee for this purpose.

47 CFR 73.1201(b)(1) requires that the official station identification consist of the station's call letters immediately followed by the community or communities specified in its license as the station's location. The name of the licensee, the station's frequency, the station's channel number, as stated on the station's license, and/or the station's network affiliation may be inserted between the call letters and station location. Digital Television (DTV) stations, or DAB Stations, choosing to include the station's channel number in the station identification must use the station's major channel number and may distinguish multicast program streams. For example, a DTV station with major channel number 26 may use 26.1 to identify a High Definition

Television (HDTV) program service and 26.2 to identify a Standard Definition Television (SDTV) program service. A radio station operating in DAB hybrid mode or extended hybrid mode shall identify its digital signal, including any free multicast audio programming streams, in a manner that appropriately alerts its audience to the fact that it is listening to a digital audio broadcast. No other insertion between the station's call letters and the community or communities specified in its license is permissible. A station may include in its

official station identification the name of any additional community or communities, but the community to which the station is licensed must be named first.

Regulations at 47 CFR 74.791(c) permit low power TV permittees or licensees to request to be assigned four-letter call signs in lieu of the five-character alpha-numeric call signs. Regulations at 47 CFR 74.1283(c)(1) require a FM translator station licensee whose identification is made by the primary station must arrange for the primary station licensee to furnish the translator's call letters and location (name, address, and telephone number of the licensee or service representative) to the FCC. The licensee must keep this information in the primary station's files.

On April 17, 2023, the Commission released a Report and Order, Amendment of parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations, FCC 23–25. With the advent of digital television operation, there were a number of duplicative rules for both analog and digital television operations. Sections 74.783(e) and 74.791(c) are such rules. Section 74.783(e) referred to analog operations whereas 74.791(c) referred to digital operations. Since all television operations are now required to be digital and the rule sections are duplicative, the analog referenced rule, 74.783(e) has been deleted and replaced with Section 74.791(c). See FCC 23–25 for the actions described herein.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–0748.

*Title:* Section 64.104, 64.1509, 64.1510 Pay-Per-Call and Other Information Services.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 5,125 respondents; 5,175 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 to 260 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual and on occasion reporting and recordkeeping requirements; Third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority(s) for the information collection is found at 47 U.S.C. 228(c)(7)–(10); Public Law 192–556, 106 Stat. 4181 (1992), codified at 47 U.S.C. 228 (The Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act of 1992).

*Total Annual Burden:* 47,750 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

**Needs and Uses:** Regulations at 47 CFR 64.1504 of the Commission's rules incorporate the requirements of sections 228(c)(7)–(10) of the Communications Act restricting the manner in which toll-free numbers may be used to charge telephone subscribers for information services. Common carriers may not charge a calling party for information conveyed on a toll-free number call, unless the calling party: (1) has executed a written agreement that specifies the material terms and conditions under which the information is provided, or (2) pays for the information by means of a prepaid account, credit, debit, charge, or calling card and the information service provider gives the calling party an introductory message disclosing the cost and other terms and conditions for the service. The disclosure requirements are intended to ensure that consumers know when charges will be levied for calls to toll-free numbers and are able to obtain information necessary to make informed choices about whether to purchase toll-free information services. Regulations at 47 CFR 64.1509 of the Commission rules incorporate the requirements of 47 U.S.C. (c)(2) and 228(d)(2)–(3) of the Communications Act. Common carriers that assign telephone numbers to pay-per-call services must disclose to all interested parties, upon request, a list of all assigned pay-per-call numbers. For each assigned number, carriers must also make available: (1) a description of the pay-per-call services; (2) the total cost per minute or other fees associated with the service; and (3) the service provider's name, business address, and telephone number. In addition, carriers handling pay-per-call services must establish a toll-free number that consumers may call to receive information about pay-per-call services. Finally, the Commission requires carriers to provide statements of pay-per-call rights and responsibilities to new telephone subscribers at the time service is established and, although not required by statute, to all subscribers annually.

Under 47 CFR 64.1510 of the Commission's rules, telephone bills containing charges for interstate pay-per-call and other information services must include information detailing consumers' rights and responsibilities with respect to these charges. Specifically, telephone bills carrying pay-per-call charges must include a consumer notification stating that: (1) the charges are for non-communication services; (2) local and long distance telephone services may not be

disconnected for failure to pay per-call charges; (3) pay-per-call (900 number) blocking is available upon request; and (4) access to pay-per-call services may be involuntarily blocked for failure to pay per-call charges. In addition, each call billed must show the type of services, the amount of the charge, and the date, time, and duration of the call. Finally, the bill must display a toll-free number which subscribers may call to obtain information about pay-per-call services. Similar billing disclosure requirements apply to charges for information services either billed to subscribers on a collect basis or accessed by subscribers through a toll-free number. The billing disclosure requirements are intended to ensure that telephone subscribers billed for pay-per-call or other information services can understand the charges levied and are informed of their rights and responsibilities with respect to payment of such charges.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–0975.

**Title:** Sections 68.105 and 1.4000, Promotion of Competitive Networks in Local Telecommunications Markets Multiple Tenant Environments (MTEs).

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and State, local, or Tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 4,186 respondents; 207,089 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.5 hour–10 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104–104.

*Total Annual Burden:* 130,990 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

**Needs and Uses:** This information facilitates efficient interaction between premises owners and local exchange carriers (LECs) regarding the placement of the demarcation point, which marks the end of wiring under control of the LEC and the beginning of wiring under the control of the premises owner or subscriber. The demarcation point is a critical point of interconnection where competitive LECs can gain access to the inside wiring of the building to provide service to customers in the building. This collection also helps ensure that fixed wireless antennas covered by the OTARD rule comply with the Commission's limits on radiofrequency

exposure and provides the Commission with information on the state of the market. In short, this collection helps foster competition in local telecommunications markets by ensuring that competing telecommunications providers can provide services to customers in multiple tenant environments.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060–1042.

**Title:** Request for Technical Support—Help Request Form.

*Form No.:* N/A—Electronic only.

**Type of Review:** Extension of currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Individuals or household; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 36,300 respondents and 36,300 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.14 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement and recordkeeping requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. There is no statutory authority for this information collection. The Commission developed this information collection on its own motion to assist users of the Universal Licensing System (ULS) or other FCC electronic systems.

*Total Annual Burden:* 5,082 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$609,840.

**Needs and Uses:** The FCC maintains internet software used by the public to apply for licenses, participate in auctions for spectrum, and maintain license information. In this mission, FCC has a 'help desk' that answers questions related to these systems as well as resetting and/or issuing user passwords for access to these systems.

The form currently is available on the website <https://esupport.fcc.gov/request.htm> under OMB Control Number 3060–1042. This form will continue to substantially decrease public and staff burden since all the information needed to facilitate a support request will be submitted in a standard format but be available to a wider audience. This eliminates or at least minimizes the need to follow-up with the customers to obtain all the information necessary to respond to their request. This form also helps presort requests into previously defined categories to all staff to respond more quickly.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–1070.

**Title:** Allocation and Service Rules for the 71–76 GHz, 81–86 GHz, and 92–95 GHz Bands.

*Form Number:* N/A.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; and State, local, or Tribal Government.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,177 respondents; 19,604 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 5.25 hours to 8 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement, recordkeeping requirement, and third-party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 302a, 303(c), 303(f), and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 14,347 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$200,000.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission is revising this information collection and would like to obtain the full three-year approval from OMB. The Commission adopted a new Report and Order, FCC 24-16, in WT Docket No. 20-133 entitled "Modernizing and Expanding Access to the 70/80/90 GHz Bands" ("Report and Order"). The Report and Order was subsequently released on January 26, 2024, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2024.

Relevant to Control No. 3060-1070, the Report and Order adopted the following Commission rules: section 101.63(b); section 101.1523(a) and (e); and section 101.1528(a)(11), (b)(10), and (d). There are program changes to the reporting, recordkeeping and/or third-party disclosure requirements and the Commission estimates an increase in nationwide licensees. The recordkeeping, reporting, and third party disclosure requirements will be used by the Commission to verify licensee compliance with the Commission rules and regulations, and to ensure that licensees continue to fulfill their statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934. The Commission's rules promote the private sector development and use of 71-76 GHz, 81-86 GHz, and 92-95 GHz bands (70/80/90 GHz bands). Such information has been used in the past and will continue to be used to minimize interference, verify that applicants are legally and technically qualified to hold license, and to determine compliance with Commission rules.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1184.

**Title:** Sections 1.946(d), 1.949, 27.10(d), 27.12, 27.13, 27.14 and 27.17, Service Rules for the Advanced Wireless Services H Block—Implementing Section 6401 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915-1920 MHz and

1995-2000 MHz Bands—R&O, FCC 13-88.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 1 respondent; 176 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 hour.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement and at the end of the license term for incumbent licensees.

**Obligation to Respond:** Statutory authority for this collection are contained in sections 15 U.S.C. 79 *et seq.*; 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 157, 225, 227, 303(r), 309, 310, 1404, and 145.

**Total Annual Burden:** 176 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No cost.

**Needs and Uses:** On June 27, 2013, the FCC adopted: Service Rules for the Advanced Wireless Services H Block—Implementing section 6401 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915-1920 MHz and 1995-2000 MHz Bands, WT Docket 12-357, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 9483 (2013) (H Block R&O). The H Block R&O adopted service rules for the H Block and makes available 10 MHz of paired spectrum for flexible use in accordance with the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. The H Block R&O contained new information collection requirements. Sections 1.949 and 27.13 are being added to this collection to clarify that the filing of the construction notifications and renewal applications involves the interaction of two regulations.

For the purpose of this collection, a winning bidder of H Block spectrum must comply with each of the following rule sections:

(a) Sections 1.946(d) and 27.14 require H Block licensees to file a construction notification and certify that they have met the applicable performance benchmarks.

(b) Sections 1.949 and 27.13 require H Block licensees to file renewal applications and certify that they continue to provide at least the level of service required by its final performance requirement through the end of any subsequent license term or include a detailed description of: (1) the level and quality of service provided by the applicant; (2) the date service commenced; (3) whether service was ever interrupted; (4) the duration of any interruption or outage; (5) the extent to which service is provided to rural areas; (6) the extent to which service is provided to qualifying Tribal lands; and

(7) any other factors associated with the level of service to the public.

(c) Section 27.10(d) requires an H Block licensee to notify the Commission within 30 days if it changes, or adds to, the carrier status on its license.

(d) Section 27.12 requires H Block licensees to comply with certain eligibility reporting requirements.

(e) Section 27.17 requires H Block licensees to notify the Commission within ten days if they permanently discontinue service by filing FCC Form 601 or 605 and requesting license cancellation.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**[OMB 3060-0500, OMB 3060-0537; FR ID 282137]**

### Information Collections Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

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

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information collection to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

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information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might "further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees."

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0500.

*Title:* Section 76.1713, Resolution of Complaints.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 10,750 respondents and 21,500 responses.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1–17 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping and third-party disclosure requirements; annual reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 193,500 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in sections 4(i), 303 and 308 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 76.1713 state cable system operators shall establish a process for resolving complaints from subscribers about the quality of the television signal delivered. Commission and franchising authorities, upon request. These records shall be maintained for at least a one-year period. Prior to being referred to the Commission, complaints from subscribers about the quality of the television signal delivered must be referred to the local franchising authority and the cable system operator.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0537.

*Title:* Sections 13.9(c), 13.13(c), 13.17(b), 13.211(e) and 13.217, Commercial Operator License

Examination Managers (COLEM) Records.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and State, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 3,742 respondents and 3,742 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.44 hours to 30 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping requirement and on occasion reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection 47 U.S.C. 154 and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934.

*Total Annual Burden:* 19,132 hours.

*Annual Cost Burden:* No cost.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this expiring information collection after this comment period to obtain the full, three-year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission is requesting approval for a three-year extension. The rule sections approved under this collection are 47 CFR 13.9, 13.13, 13.17, 13.211, and 13.217. If this information collection requirement was not kept or fulfilled, it is conceivable that examinees could be overcharged, and that fraud and deceit could be used for unjust enrichment of the examiners.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice to All Interested Parties of Intent To Terminate Receivership

Notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC or Receiver), as Receiver for the institution listed below, intends to terminate its receivership for said institution.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE RECEIVERSHIP

Fund	Receivership name	City	State	Date of appointment of receiver
10507 .....	The National Republic Bank of Chicago .....	Chicago .....	IL	10/24/2014

The liquidation of the assets for the receivership has been completed. To the

extent permitted by available funds and in accordance with law, the Receiver

will be making a final dividend payment to proven creditors. Based

upon the foregoing, the Receiver has determined that the continued existence of the receivership will serve no useful purpose. Consequently, notice is given that the receivership shall be terminated, to be effective no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing, identify the receivership to which the comment pertains, and sent within 30 days of the date of this notice to: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, Attention: Receivership Oversight Section, 600 North Pearl, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201. No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered that are not sent within this time frame.

(Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1819)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, on February 27, 2025.

**Jennifer M. Jones,**

*Deputy Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

[OMB No. 3064-0117; -0145; -0161]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

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

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of the existing information collections described below (OMB Control No. 3064-0117; -0145 and -0161).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* [comments@fdic.gov](mailto:comments@fdic.gov). Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Manny Cabeza (202-898-3767), Regulatory Counsel, MB-3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street NW building (located on F Street NW), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Manny Cabeza, Regulatory Counsel, 202-898-3767, [mcabeza@fdic.gov](mailto:mcabeza@fdic.gov), MB-3128, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

1. *Title:* Mutual-to-Stock Conversion of State Savings Banks.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0117.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Insured State savings associations.

*Burden Estimate:*

### SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0117)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Application or Notice to Engage in Certain Activities (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion) .....	5	1	250:00	1,250
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,250

Source: FDIC.

**General Description of Collection:** State savings associations must file a notice of intent to convert to stock form and provide the FDIC with copies of documents filed with State and Federal banking and/or securities regulators in connection with any proposed mutual-

to-stock conversion. There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The estimated burden remains unchanged from 2022.

**2. Title:** Notice Regarding Unauthorized Access to Customer Information.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0145.

*Form Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Insured State nonmember banks.

*Burden Estimate:*

### SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0145)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Develop Policies and Procedures for Response Program, 12 CFR Part 364, App. B, § III (Mandatory).	Recordkeeping (On Occasion)	9	1	24:00	216
2. Notice Regarding Unauthorized Access to Customer Information, 12 CFR Part 364, App. B, § III(C)(1)(g) (Mandatory).	Disclosure (On Occasion) .....	350	1	36:00	12,600
3. Incident Notification to Primary Federal Regulator, 12 CFR Part 364, App. B, § III(C)(1)(g) (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion) .....	350	1	01:00	350

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0145)—Continued

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,166

Source: FDIC.

**General Description of Collection:** The Interagency Guidance on Response Programs for Unauthorized Access to Customer Information and Customer Notice describes the Federal banking agencies' expectations regarding a response program, including customer notification procedures, that a financial institution should develop and apply under the circumstances described in the Guidance to address unauthorized access to or use of customer information that could result in substantial harm or

inconvenience to a customer. The Guidance advises financial institutions when and how they might (1) develop notices to customers; (2) in certain circumstances defined in the Guidance, determine which customers should receive the notices; and (3) send the notices to customers. There is no change in the methodology or substance of this information collection. The increase in total estimated annual burden from 11,580 hours in 2022 to 13,166 hours currently is due to an increase in the

estimated number of respondents and more fine-grained estimation of the types of information burden associated with the collection.

**3. Title:** Furnisher Information Accuracy and Integrity (FACTA 312).

**OMB Number:** 3064-0161.

**Form Number:** None.

**Affected Public:** State nonmember banks.

**Burden Estimate:**

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0161)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Procedures to Enhance the Accuracy and Integrity of Information Furnished to Consumer Reporting Agencies under Section 312 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, 12 CFR Part 1022, Subpart E (Mandatory). 2. Distribution of Notices in Response to Direct Disputes, 12 CFR Part 1022, Subpart E (Mandatory).	Recordkeeping (Annual) .....	2,820	1	40:00	112,800
	Third Party Disclosure (On Occasion).	2,820	98	00:14	64,484
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....		.....	.....	.....	177,284

Source: FDIC.

**General Description of Collection:** Section 312 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003 (FACT Act) requires the banking agencies to issue guidelines for furnishers regarding the accuracy and integrity of the information about consumers furnished to consumer reporting agencies; prescribe regulations requiring furnishers to establish reasonable policies/procedures to implement the guidelines; and issue regulations identifying the circumstances where a furnisher must reinvestigate a dispute about the accuracy of information in a consumer report based on a direct request from a consumer. Those guidelines appear in Regulation V, 12 CFR part 1022. There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The overall increase in burden hours is the result of economic fluctuation. In particular, the number of responses per respondents has increased while the hours per response have remained the same. At the time of publication, the agencies are engaged in a review of all regulatory requirements. To the extent this review leads to amendments to information collected

pursuant to Regulation V, the FDIC will amend this information collection to match.

**Request for Comment**

Comments are invited on (a) whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, February 26, 2025.

**Jennifer M. Jones,**

*Deputy Executive 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 April 3, 2025.

*A. 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. *Longview Capital Corporation, Newman, Illinois*; to acquire Middletown State Bank, Middletown, Illinois.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**Michele Taylor Fennell**,

*Associate Secretary of the Board*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee*: Digestive, Kidney and Urological Systems Integrated Review Group; Pathobiology of Kidney Disease Study Section.

*Date*: March 24–25, 2025.

*Time*: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Agenda*: To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address*: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format*: Virtual Meeting.

*Contact Person*: Atul Sahai, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2188, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1198, *sahaia@csr.nih.gov*.

*Name of Committee*: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA–RM–24–004: NIH Director’s Transformative Research Awards.

*Date*: March 31, 2025.

*Time*: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Agenda*: To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address*: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format*: Virtual Meeting.

*Contact Person*: Elena Smirnova, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5187, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–357–9112, *smirnove@csr.nih.gov*.

*Name of Committee*: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; NIH Director’s New Innovator Award Program.

*Date*: April 1–2, 2025.

*Time*: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda*: To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address*: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format*: Virtual Meeting.

*Contact Person*: Sharon Isern, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 810J, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0000, *iserns2@mail.nih.gov*.

*Name of Committee*: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; NIH Director’s New Innovator Award Program (DP2).

*Date*: April 3–4, 2025.

*Time*: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda*: To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address*: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format*: Virtual Meeting.

*Contact Person*: Marcus Ferrone, PHARMED, Scientific Review Officer, The Center for Scientific Review, The National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–2371, *marcus.ferrone@nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844,

93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**David W. Freeman**,

*Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test: Renewal of Test

**AGENCY**: U.S. Customs and Border Protection; DHS.

**ACTION**: General notice.

**SUMMARY**: This notice announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is renewing the Facial Comparison for Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) Compliance Test. Commercial air and sea carriers that voluntarily participate in this test use CBP’s Traveler Verification Service (TVS) to comply with APIS regulatory requirements. During this test, participating carriers will use the existing TVS to ensure the manifest information sent to CBP is correct and to perform the required identity verification pursuant to APIS regulations. This process has the potential to expedite the departure process as compared to the manual data and identity verification process.

**DATES**: This renewal extends the test for an additional two years, expiring on February 16, 2027, unless renewed. The initial voluntary test began on February 16, 2023, and was set to expire on February 16, 2025. CBP will announce any modifications by notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES**: Applications to participate in the Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test must be submitted via email to *biometricair@cbp.dhs.gov*. Please use “APIS Compliance Test” in the subject line of the email. Written comments concerning program, policy, and technical issues may also be submitted via email to *biometricair@cbp.dhs.gov*.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natascha A. Gutermuth, Program Manager, Innovation and Strategy Directorate, Office of Field Operations, *natascha.a.gutermuth@cbp.dhs.gov* or (202) 417–0096.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Background

Under U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations, the appropriate officials<sup>1</sup> of commercial airlines and vessels (collectively, “carriers”) arriving in or departing from the United States are required to transmit an electronic manifest to CBP through the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) that lists all crewmembers and passengers (collectively, “travelers”). The electronic manifest must be transmitted within a specified timeframe, generally before the vessel or aircraft departs, though the exact timeframe varies depending on the circumstances of the trip and type of carrier. See Immigration and Nationality Act, 66 Stat. 163, sec. 231, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1221); 19 U.S.C. 1433; 49 U.S.C. 44909; 19 CFR 4.7b(b), 4.64(b), 122.49a(b), 122.49b(b), 122.49c, 122.75a(b), and 122.75b(b). The electronic manifest must include the travelers’ biographic information including, for example, name, age, date of birth, citizenship, passport number if relevant, and other data elements depending upon the circumstances of the trip, the type of traveler (e.g., crew or passenger), and the type of carrier as well as such other information as determined necessary by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with the Secretary of State, for flights and vessels arriving in and departing from the United States, or as determined necessary by the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), in consultation with the Commissioner of CBP, for flights arriving in the United States. See 8 U.S.C. 1221; 49 U.S.C. 44909.

As part of the reporting process, a carrier must, among other things, compare the travel document presented by the traveler with the information the carrier is transmitting to CBP on the electronic manifest in order to (1) verify that the manifest information transmitted to CBP is correct; and (2) verify that the traveler is the person to whom the travel document was issued. See 19 CFR 4.7b(d), 4.64(d), 122.49a(d), 122.49b(d), 122.75a(d), and 122.75b(d). These two requirements will be referred to in this document as the “APIS verification requirements”.

To improve the accuracy and efficiency of the APIS verification requirements, CBP introduced the Facial

<sup>1</sup> An “appropriate official” is defined as the master or commanding officer, or authorized agent, owner, or consignee of a commercial aircraft or vessel; this term and the term “carrier” are sometimes used interchangeably within the regulations. See 19 CFR 4.7b(a), 122.49a(a).

Comparison for APIS Compliance Test on February 16, 2023.<sup>2</sup> Carriers that participate in the test use CBP’s Traveler Verification Service (TVS) to aid compliance with APIS verification requirements. Participation in this test is on a voluntary basis for both carriers and travelers.

Carriers participating in this test collect facial images (photographs) of certain travelers at the gate or other identity check points.<sup>3</sup> Carriers then transmit those facial images to CBP’s TVS facial comparison service which compares transmitted images to biometric templates<sup>4</sup> generated from pre-existing photographs that CBP already maintains, known as a “gallery.” When CBP receives a passenger manifest, CBP builds a gallery of photographs for the individuals identified on the manifest. These images may include photographs captured by CBP during previous entry inspections, photographs from U.S. passports and U.S. visas, and photographs from other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encounters.

If the TVS matches the traveler’s facial image to a photograph in the gallery and the manifest information transmitted to CBP is correct, the carrier’s APIS verification requirements are considered fulfilled and the carrier is not required to perform any additional identity or passenger manifest verification.<sup>5</sup> If the traveler’s facial image does not result in a match from the TVS for any reason, participating carriers must verify the traveler’s identity through a manual review of the traveler’s travel documents pursuant to the existing APIS regulatory requirements. If a carrier identifies a traveler whose facial image has been incorrectly matched by the TVS to another passenger (referred to as a “false positive”), the carrier must manually review the travel documents

<sup>2</sup> 88 FR 10137 (Feb. 16, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> Individual travelers may opt out of the APIS test procedures if they do not wish to provide their facial image.

<sup>4</sup> A biometric template is a digital representation of a biometric trait of an individual generated from a biometric image and processed by an algorithm. The template is usually represented as a sequence of characters and numbers. For the TVS, templates cannot be reverse engineered to recreate a biometric image. The templates generated for the TVS are proprietary to a specific vendor’s algorithm and cannot be used with another vendor’s algorithms.

<sup>5</sup> Carriers still need to ensure that each traveler has a valid passport or authorized travel document in the traveler’s possession. This separate check for a valid passport or authorized travel document fulfills the passenger manifest requirements for the United States, but there may be additional requirements from destination or transit countries.

of any such false positives pursuant to current APIS requirements.<sup>6</sup>

If an individual traveler does not want to be photographed, the traveler can opt out of this procedure by notifying the carrier. CBP requires that carriers post clear and visible signs notifying travelers of their ability to opt out. Additionally, carriers may choose to give a verbal announcement during the boarding process with additional information about CBP’s use of facial comparison technology. If a traveler opts out of the APIS test procedures, the carrier must perform a manual review of the travel documents to ensure the manifest information sent to CBP is correct and verify the traveler’s identity as required by the APIS regulations. CBP requires carriers to provide an electronic manifest listing all travelers pursuant to APIS regulations, regardless of the verification process used by the carrier.

## II. Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test: Renewal

This notice extends the Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test beyond its original expiration date of February 16, 2025, for an additional period of two years. This renewal does not modify any other provision of the original notice. All provisions of the original notice, with the exception of the amended expiration date, will remain applicable through the extended period.

For convenience, CBP has republished portions of the previous notice in the following subsections, including the authorization for this test, a description of the affected regulatory requirements, expected costs and benefits, test evaluation criteria, consequences of misconduct under the test, a privacy notice, and a statement regarding the Paperwork Reduction Act. Further information regarding the Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test can be found in the original notice for this test.<sup>7</sup>

### A. Duration and Purpose of the Extended Test

The purpose of the APIS test is to determine the feasibility of allowing carriers to use CBP’s TVS facial comparison service to comply with the carriers’ APIS verification requirements.

<sup>6</sup> In the unlikely event that a false positive results in the creation of an incorrect travel record, the traveler affected by the incorrect travel record can seek redress through the DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP) at <https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip>, or the CBP redress process, which can be found at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94/traveler-compliance>.

<sup>7</sup> 88 FR 10137 (Feb. 16, 2023).

During the initial testing period, some carriers were not able to participate due to factors outside of CBP's control, including carriers' funding availability and the travel industry's recovery from COVID-19 related disruptions. To effectively evaluate the feasibility of allowing carriers to use CBP's TVS facial comparison service to comply with APIS verification requirements, it is necessary for CBP to evaluate a broader group of participants. Thus, CBP is extending the testing period to allow additional carriers to participate in the test who may not have been able to do so previously.

The Facial Comparison for APIS Test was originally scheduled to run for a period of two years, beginning on February 16, 2023, and ending on February 16, 2025. Through this notice, CBP is renewing the facial comparison test and extending it beyond its original expiration date. The facial comparison test will run for an additional period of two years beginning on February 16, 2025, and ending on February 16, 2027. While the test is ongoing, CBP will evaluate the results and determine whether the test should be extended or otherwise modified. CBP reserves the right to discontinue this test at any time at CBP's sole discretion. CBP will announce any modifications by notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### *B. Eligibility and Participation Requirements*

Any commercial air or commercial sea carrier may apply to participate in the APIS test. To participate in this test, a carrier must submit a request to participate to *biometricair@cbp.dhs.gov*. Applicant carriers must meet all CBP requirements for this test, including those listed in the Business Requirements Document<sup>8</sup> and the Technical Reference Guides provided by CBP to the carriers. Upon request, CBP will provide the carrier with the full list of requirements for participation which vary depending upon the specific circumstances of the carrier.

Carriers must agree that they will not store or retain any photos taken while using TVS facial comparison services. Carriers must provide CBP with a CBP-approved method of auditing compliance with this requirement. Any system log files associated with a TVS enabled system must be approved by CBP to ensure compliance with DHS and CBP privacy and security policies

<sup>8</sup> The Business Requirements Document is available at: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/specifications/exit-business-requirements-document>.

and all applicable privacy statutes and regulations.

The carrier must also sign and return the Business Requirements Document to CBP in order to participate in the APIS test. The Business Requirements Document is an acknowledgement by the carrier that it agrees to all CBP terms and technical specifications as well as any other requirements as determined by CBP.

Any carrier that wishes to participate in the APIS test may contact CBP via email at *biometricair@cbp.dhs.gov* to request the detailed technical requirements for participation, as well as to obtain a copy of the Business Requirements Document to be signed by the carrier. If the carrier wishes to participate in the test, it can return the signed Business Requirements Document and CBP will coordinate with the carrier to ensure that the carrier's systems meet the technical and privacy requirements as determined by CBP.

It is within CBP's sole discretion to refuse test participation for any carrier.

#### *C. Authorization for This Test*

The renewed test described in this notice is authorized pursuant to 19 CFR 101.9(a), which allows the Commissioner of CBP to impose requirements different from those specified in the CBP regulations for conducting a test program or procedure designed to evaluate the effectiveness of new technology or operation procedures regarding the processing of passengers, vessels, or merchandise. This test is authorized pursuant to this regulation as it is designed to evaluate whether the use of CBP's TVS technology is a feasible way for carriers to meet their APIS verification requirements.

#### *D. Waiver of Certain Regulatory Requirements*

Under CBP's APIS regulations, carriers are responsible for, among other things, comparing the travel documents presented by passengers with the manifest information the carrier is transmitting to CBP to verify that the information is correct and to verify the identity of the traveler. Under this test, these manual APIS verification requirements will be waived if CBP's TVS returns a match of the traveler's facial image to a photograph in the gallery.<sup>9</sup> When the TVS returns a match of a traveler's facial image, a participating carrier's APIS verification requirements under 19 CFR 122.49a(d),

122.49b(d), 122.75a(d), and 122.75b(d) will be considered fulfilled without the carrier further inspecting the traveler's travel documents.<sup>10</sup>

As noted in Section I., if CBP's TVS does not return a match of the traveler's facial image or a traveler opts out of the APIS test procedures, the carrier must perform a manual document check to fulfill the APIS verification requirements.

#### *E. Costs*

Under this test, CBP gives participating carriers access to its TVS facial comparison service, and the carriers are responsible for selecting and purchasing the image capture and transmission equipment that best fits their needs. Carriers that participated in the Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test prior to this extension may continue to use equipment that meets CBP's technical requirements. There are no new costs attributable solely to the extension of the Facial Comparison for APIS Compliance Test.

The cost of the equipment varies by carrier and may depend on how the equipment is used. CBP believes costs will range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 per departure gate, based on CBP's experience from the initial testing period and CBP's experience with other facial comparison tests. It is also possible that costs will go down substantially over time as carriers develop more efficient and inexpensive equipment.

#### *F. Benefits*

The goal of the APIS test is to enable carriers to satisfy the APIS verification requirements with greater accuracy and efficiency by eliminating the manual data and identity verification process in most cases. The use of TVS technology for APIS verification purposes has the potential to speed up the departure process for both carriers and travelers, as it enables travelers to be matched more efficiently to their travel documents. Various airlines have already partnered with CBP to test facial comparison in other contexts pursuant to regulations in title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations. While these other programs are unrelated to APIS compliance, the use of facial comparison technology in those contexts is comparable to the test procedures detailed here and participants have reported that facial

<sup>9</sup> However, in the event of a "false positive" as discussed above, the carrier will still be required to manually review the travel documents in accordance with the requirements of 19 CFR 122.49a(d), 122.49b(d), 122.75a(d), and 122.75b(d).

<sup>10</sup> As noted in Section I., carriers are still required to ensure that each traveler has a valid passport or authorized travel document in the traveler's possession.

comparison tests speed up the boarding process substantially.<sup>11</sup>

Performing biometric identity verification can also help CBP and partner stakeholders reconcile any errors or incomplete data in a traveler's biographic data. CBP anticipates that having a more accurate verification will result in more accurate border crossing records of travelers. This will allow CBP to more effectively identify overstays and aliens who are, or were, present in the United States without having been admitted or paroled and prevent their unlawful reentry into the United States. It will also make it more difficult for imposters to utilize other travelers' credentials. Ultimately, this provides CBP with more reliable information to verify identity and strengthens CBP's ability to identify criminals and known or suspected terrorists.

#### G. Evaluation of the APIS Test

CBP will use the results of this test to assess the operational feasibility of using the TVS facial comparison service for the purposes of compliance with the APIS verification requirements. CBP will evaluate this test based on a number of criteria, including:

- the percentage of travelers for whom CBP had a gallery photo available for matching purposes; and
- the ability of the technology to correctly match the facial images captured to the correct individuals' facial image(s) on file, including continued tracking of any differences in matching performance based on measurable demographic factors.

CBP's operational data continues to show there is no measurable differential performance in matching based on demographic factors. CBP continually monitors algorithm performance and technology enhancements to ensure CBP is deploying the most accurate and effective algorithm. CBP continues to partner with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and use NIST research to ensure continued optimal performance.<sup>12</sup> CBP will

<sup>11</sup> In one test, an airline partner has been able to board an Airbus A-380 with 350 travelers in only 20 minutes. (<https://www.cntraveler.com/story/orlando-airport-first-in-the-us-to-scan-faces-of-all-international-passengers>). Accessed Oct. 15, 2024.) Another airline partner has reported to CBP that its baseline loading time for an A-380 is 45 minutes. In the test of the integrated facial comparison service used at the Orlando Airport, travelers have experienced a 15-minute time savings. According to one news article, this is down from 30 minutes for a 240-passenger plane. (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/grantmartin/2018/06/24/orlando-airport-deploys-biometric-scanners-at-all-international-gates/#2a4a588118f9>). Accessed Oct. 15, 2024.) In both tests, boarding times are reduced by approximately 50 percent.

<sup>12</sup> In July 2021, NIST published its Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) Part 7:

continue its review of matches and no-matches to determine the reason for such a match, including whether the match was based on a demographic factor (age, gender, citizenship). CBP will continue to work both internally and with partners to identify and remediate disparate impacts and other forms of bias and discrimination, if any.<sup>13</sup>

#### H. Misconduct Under the Test

If a carrier participating in the test fails to abide by the rules, procedures, or terms and conditions of this test, fails to exercise reasonable care in the execution of participant obligations, or otherwise fails to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, the participant may be suspended from participation in this test and/or subjected to penalties, liquidated damages, and/or other administrative or judicial sanction under APIS regulations.

If CBP determines that a suspension is warranted, CBP will notify the participant of this decision, the facts or conduct warranting suspension, and the date when the suspension will be effective. This decision may be appealed in writing to the Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, within 15 days of notification. The appeal should address the facts or conduct charges contained in the notice and state how the participant has or will achieve compliance. CBP will notify the participant within 30 days of receipt of an appeal whether the appeal is granted. If the appeal is granted and the participant has already been suspended, CBP will notify the participant when its participation in the test will be reinstated.

#### I. Privacy

CBP will continue to ensure that all Privacy Act requirements and

Identification for Paperless Travel and Immigration, available at: <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2021/NIST.IR.8381.pdf>. The report demonstrates that the current biometric facial recognition technology passes the threshold for use in CBP's Biometric Exit Program, based on computer-focused simulations. In December 2019, NIST published the FRVT Part 3: Demographic Effects, available at: <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2021/NIST.IR.8381.pdf>. As the report demonstrates, NEC-3, which CBP uses, is among the algorithms with an undetectable false positive differential. NIST also noted, "NEC-3, is on many measures the most accurate we have evaluated," see page 8 of the report.

<sup>13</sup> Information regarding biometric matching performance can be found on CBP's website at <https://biometrics.cbp.gov/privacy> which includes a link to CBP's Privacy Evaluation Report as well as the TVS Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA is also available at [http://www.dhs.gov/privacy-documents-us-customs-and-border-protection](https://www.dhs.gov/privacy-documents-us-customs-and-border-protection).

applicable DHS privacy policies are adhered to during this test.<sup>14</sup> Pursuant to these requirements, CBP will delete photos of U.S. citizens immediately upon confirmation of U.S. citizenship.<sup>15</sup> CBP will retain photos of all aliens and no-matches for up to 14 days in the Automated Targeting System (ATS). DHS may retain the facial images of in-scope<sup>16</sup> aliens for up to 75 years in DHS's Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT) system, and any successor system.

CBP has issued a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for TVS, which outlines how CBP ensures compliance with Privacy Act protections and DHS privacy policies, including DHS's Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs). The FIPPs account for the nature and purpose of the information being collected in relation to DHS's mission to preserve, protect, and secure the United States. The PIA addresses issues such as the security, integrity, and sharing of data, use limitations, and transparency. The PIA is publicly available at: <http://www.dhs.gov/privacy-documents-us-customs-and-border-protection>.

CBP has also issued the DHS/CBP-005 APIS System of Records Notice (SORN), the APIS PIA, the DHS/CBP-007 Border Crossing Information (BCI) SORN, and the DHS/CBP-006 Automated Targeting System (ATS) SORN. These documents encompass all data collected for APIS compliance, as well as data collected to create border crossing records for individuals. CBP will create new documents or update these documents as needed to reflect the use of biometric data for the purposes of this test and will make these documents available at: <https://www.dhs.gov/compliance>.

#### J. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) requires that CBP consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. An

<sup>14</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552a and <https://www.dhs.gov/privacy-policy-guidance>.

<sup>15</sup> Photos of U.S. citizens are destroyed immediately upon confirmation of U.S. citizenship, but no later than 12 hours only under specific circumstances. If there is a system or network issue, photos will reside in an inaccessible queue for up to 12 hours and will be processed once the system and/or network connectivity is re-established and proper dispositioning (confirmation of U.S. citizenship) can occur. Further information about the retention of facial images is provided in the TVS Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The TVS PIA is available at [http://www.dhs.gov/privacy-documents-us-customs-and-border-protection](https://www.dhs.gov/privacy-documents-us-customs-and-border-protection).

<sup>16</sup> An "in-scope" alien is any person who is required by law to provide biometrics upon entry or exit from the United States pursuant to 8 CFR 215.8(a) and 235.1(f).

agency may not conduct, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This information collection is covered by OMB control numbers 1651–0138 Biometric Identity and 1651–0088 Passenger and Crew Manifest.

Dated: February 21, 2025.

**Diane J. Sabatino,**

*Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner,  
Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[OMB Control Number 1651–0086]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension; Distribution of Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset to Affected Domestic Producers (CBP Form 7401)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than May 5, 2025) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651–0086 in the subject line and the agency name. Please submit written comments and/or suggestions in English. Please use the following method to submit comments:

Email. Submit comments to: *CBP\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov*.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor,

Washington, DC 20229–1177, Telephone number 202–325–0056 or via email *CBP\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov*. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

**Title:** Distribution of Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset to Affected Domestic Producers.

**OMB Number:** 1651–0086.

**Form Number:** 7401.

**Current Actions:** Extension with a decrease in burden hours. No change to the information collected or method of collection.

**Type of Review:** Extension (with change).

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Abstract:** This collection of information is used by CBP to make distributions of funds pursuant to the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000 (CDSOA), 19 U.S.C. 1675c (repealed by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109–171, title VII,

§ 7601(a) (Feb. 8, 2006)). This Act prescribes the administrative procedures under which antidumping and countervailing duties assessed on imported products are distributed to affected domestic producers (ADPs) that petitioned for or supported the issuance of the order under which the duties were assessed. The amount of any distribution afforded to these domestic producers is based on certain qualifying expenditures that they incur after the issuance of the order or finding up to the effective date of the CDSOA's repeal, October 1, 2007. This distribution is known as the continued dumping and subsidy offset. The claims process for the CDSOA program is provided for in 19 CFR 159.61 and 159.63.

In order to make a claim under the CDSOA, CBP Form 7401 may be used. This form is accessible at: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=8776895>.

**Type of Information Collection:** CBP Form 7401.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 300.

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:** 2.

**Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:** 600.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 600.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Seth D. Renkema,**

*Branch Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[OMB Control Number 1651–0127]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension; Guarantee of Payment (CBP Form I–510)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in

the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than May 5, 2025) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651–0127 in the subject line and the agency name. Please submit written comments and/or suggestions in English. Please use the following method to submit comments:

*Email.* Submit comments to: *CBP\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177, Telephone number 202–325–0056 or via email *CBP\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov*. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877–227–5511, (TTY) 1–800–877–8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request

for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

*Title:* Guarantee of Payment.

*OMB Number:* 1651–0127.

*Form Number:* I–510.

*Current Actions:* Extension without change.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Abstract:* Section 253 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1283, requires that an alien crewman found to be or suspected of having any of the diseases named in section 255 of the INA must be hospitalized or otherwise treated, with the associated expenses paid by the carrier. The owner, agent, consignee, commanding officer, or master of the vessel or aircraft must complete CBP Form I–510, *Guarantee of Payment*, that certifies the guarantee of payment for medical and other related expenses required by section 253 of the INA. No vessel or aircraft can be granted clearance until such expenses are paid or the payment is appropriately guaranteed.

CBP Form I–510 collects information such as the name of the owner, agent, commander officer or master of the vessel or aircraft; the name of the crewmember; the port of arrival; and signature of the guarantor. This form is provided for by 8 CFR 253.1(a) and is accessible at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=I-510>.

*Type of Information Collection:* CBP Form I–510.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.083 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Seth D. Renkema,**

*Branch Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.* [FR Doc. 2025–03409 Filed 3–3–25; 8:45 am]

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-755–756 and 731-TA-1734–1736 (Preliminary)]**

**Chassis and Subassemblies From Mexico, Thailand, and Vietnam; Institution of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-755–756 and 731-TA-1734–1736 (Preliminary) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of chassis and subassemblies from Mexico, Thailand, and Vietnam, provided for in subheadings 8716.39.00 and 8716.90.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value and alleged to be subsidized by the Governments of Mexico and Thailand. Unless the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) extends the time for initiation, the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations in 45 days, or in this case by April 14, 2025. The Commission's views must be transmitted to Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 21, 2025.

**DATES:** February 26, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stamen Borisson ((202) 205–3125), 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 these investigations may be viewed on

the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background.*—These investigations are being instituted, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), in response to a petition filed on February 26, 2025, by the U.S. Chassis Manufacturers Coalition, whose members are Cheetah Chassis Corporation, Berwick, Pennsylvania and Stoughton Trailers, LLC, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations 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 and B (19 CFR part 207).

*Participation in the investigations and public service list.*—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping duty and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

*Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.*—Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

*Conference.*—The Office of Investigations will hold a staff conference in connection with the preliminary phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 19, 2025. Requests to appear at the conference should be emailed to

[preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov](mailto:preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov) (DO NOT FILE ON EDIS) on or before noon on March 17, 2025. Please provide an email address for each conference participant in the email. Information on conference procedures, format, and participation, including guidance for requests to appear as a witness via videoconference, will be available on the Commission's Public Calendar (Calendar (USITC) | United States International Trade Commission). A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to participate by submitting a short statement.

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.

*Written submissions.*—As provided in §§ 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before 5:15 p.m. on March 24, 2025, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties shall file written testimony and supplementary material in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 18, 2025. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also 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](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 investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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.

*Certification.*—Pursuant to § 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with these investigations must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that any information

that it submits to the Commission during these investigations 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 these or related investigations or reviews, 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.

*Authority:* These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 27, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-611 and 731-TA-1428 (Review)]**

### Aluminum Wire and Cable 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 aluminum wire and cable from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

**DATES:** February 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurel Schwartz (202) 205-2398, 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 February 4, 2025, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (89 FR 87401, November 1, 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.<sup>1</sup> 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)).

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 May 7, 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 notice of institution,<sup>2</sup> 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 May 15, 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 May 15, 2025. However, should the Department

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission has found the responses submitted on behalf of Encore Wire Corporation and Southwire Company, LLC to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

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](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: February 27, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-454 and 731-TA-1144 (Third Review) and 731-TA-1210-1212 (Second Review)]**

### Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe From China, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam; 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 orders and countervailing duty orders

on welded stainless steel pressure pipe from China, and the antidumping duty orders on welded stainless steel pressure pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

**DATES:** February 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alexis Yim (202-708-1446), 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 February 4, 2025, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (89 FR 87416, November 1, 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.<sup>1</sup> 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)).

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 April 16, 2025. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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 notice of institution,<sup>2</sup> 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 5:15 p.m. on April 24, 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 April 24, 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](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.

**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: February 26, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

Secretary to the Commission.

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission has found the response submitted on behalf of Bristol Metals, LLC, Felker Brothers Corporation, and Primus Pipe and Tube Inc. to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1380]

### Certain Video Capable Electronic Devices, Including Computers, Streaming Devices, Televisions, and Components and Modules Thereof; Notice of Commission Determination To Ratify the Prior Commission Actions in This Investigation and Review a Final Initial Determination of Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on Certain Issues Under Review and Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding; Extension of the Target Date

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to ratify the prior Commission actions in this investigation and to review in its entirety a final initial determination ("Final ID") issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930. The Commission requests briefing from the parties on certain issues under review and from the parties, interested government agencies, and interested persons on remedy, the public interest, and bonding based on the schedule set forth below. The Commission has also determined to extend the target date for the completion of the investigation to May 14, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-5468. 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](mailto: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 the above-captioned investigation on December 6, 2023, based on a complaint filed by complainants Nokia Technologies Oy and Nokia Corporation, both of Espoo,

Finland ("Nokia"). 88 FR 84830-31 (Dec. 6, 2023). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges a violation 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 video capable electronic devices, including computers, streaming devices, televisions, and components and modules thereof by reason of the infringement of claims 6-9, 11, 15, 21, and 23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,724,818 ("the '818 patent"); claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,536,714 ("the '714 patent"); claims 1-36 of U.S. Patent No. 11,805,267 ("the '267 patent"); claims 1, 5, 6, 8-13, 17, 18, 20-24, 26, 29-33, 35, and 38 of U.S. Patent No. 8,077,991 ("the '991 patent"); and claims 8-11 of U.S. Patent No. 8,050,321 ("the '321 patent"). *Id.* at 84830. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists. *Id.* The notice of investigation names as respondents HP, Inc. of Palo Alto, California ("HP"), and Amazon.com, Inc. and Amazon.com Services LLC, both of Seattle, Washington ("Amazon"). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is participating in the investigation for the purposes of the public interest only. *Id.* at 84831.

The Commission terminated the investigation based on a partial withdrawal of the complaint with respect to claims 7, 11, 21, and 23 of the '818 patent; claims 1-22, and 24-30 of the '714 patent; claims 1-24, and 28-36 of the '267 patent; claims 1, 5-6, 8-9, 10-13, 17, 18, 20-21, 23-24, 26, 30, 32, 33, and 35 of the '991 patent; and claims 9 and 11 of the '321 patent. Order No. 19 (Feb. 14, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Mar. 8, 2024) (terminating the investigation with respect to claim 23 of the '818 patent); Order No. 42 (Sept. 3, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Sept. 17, 2024) (terminating the investigation with respect to claims 11 and 21 of the '818 patent; claims 1-14, 16-22, and 24-30 of the '714 patent; claims 1-6, 10-24, and 28-36 of the '267 patent; claims 1, 5-6, 8-9, 10-13, 17, 18, 20-21, 23-24, 26, 30, 32, 33, and 35 of the '991 patent and claims 9 and 11 of the '321 patent); Order No. 46 (Sept. 17, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Oct. 1, 2024) (terminating the investigation with respect to claim 7 of the '818 patent); Order No. 48 (Nov. 25, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Dec. 10, 2024) (terminating the investigation with respect to claim 15 of the '714 patent and claims 7-9 of the '267 patent). Accordingly, at the time of the Final ID, the asserted claims

consisted of: claims 6, 8, 9 and 15 of the '818 patent; claims 8 and 10 of the '321 patent; claims 22, 29, 31, and 38 of the '991 patent; claims 15 and 23 of the '714 patent; and claims 7–9 and 25–27 of the '267 patent. Final ID at 6.

On August 12, 2024, the ALJ granted summary determination that Nokia failed to establish the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement under subsection 337(a)(3)(C) by failing to present evidence of a nexus between its investments and the domestic industry articles. Order No. 41 (Aug. 12, 2024). The Commission declined to review that ID. Comm'n Notice (Sept. 10, 2024).

The ALJ held an evidentiary hearing from September 9–13, 2024. Subsequently, the Commission terminated the investigation with respect to HP based on a settlement agreement. Order No. 49 (Nov. 27, 2024), *unreviewed by Comm'n Notice* (Dec. 10, 2024). Accordingly, at the time of the Final ID, only Amazon remained in the investigation as a respondent.

On December 20, 2024, the ALJ issued the Final ID finding a violation of section 337 by Amazon with respect to four patents—the '818, '321, '714, and '267 patents—and no violation with respect to the '991 patent. Final ID at 175. The Final ID found, *inter alia*, that (1) Nokia showed infringement and satisfaction of the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for claims 6, 8, 9, and 15 of the '818 patent, and that Amazon did not show any of those claims invalid; (2) Nokia showed infringement and satisfaction of the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for claims 8 and 10 of the '321 patent, and that Amazon did not show any of those claims invalid; (3) Nokia did not show infringement or satisfaction of the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for claims 22, 29, 31, and 38 of the '991 patent, and that Amazon showed that claims 22 and 31 are invalid; (4) Nokia showed infringement and satisfaction of the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for claim 23 of the '714 patent but not for claim 15 of the '714 patent, and that Amazon did not show any of those claims invalid; and (5) Nokia showed infringement and satisfaction of the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for claims 7–9 and 25–27 of the '267 patent, and that Amazon did show that claims 7, 25, and 26 were invalid. Final ID at 25–139; 174–75. The Final ID also found that Nokia satisfied the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement and rejected Amazon's defenses that Nokia breached its reasonable and non-discriminatory ("RAND") licensing

obligations, as well as Amazon's defenses of implied waiver, waiver, equitable estoppel, patent misuse, and unclean hands. *Id.* at 140–54.

The ALJ also issued a recommended determination ("RD") on the public interest, remedy, and bond. The ALJ advised that the issuance of a remedial order against the infringing articles: (1) would not adversely affect public health and welfare because, while the accused products are used in health applications, they are not themselves medical devices; (2) would not adversely affect competitive conditions because Amazon does not have a large market share and suitable replacements exist; (3) would not negatively impact the production of like or directly competitive articles because no such competitive articles are produced in the United States; and (4) would not negatively impact U.S. consumers because suitable replacements exist and there is no evidence that Nokia breached its RAND obligations. *Id.* at 177–82. The ALJ then recommended that, if the Commission were to find a violation, it should issue a limited exclusion order ("LEO") with a certification provision and an exemption for service, repair, and replacement and cease and desist orders ("CDO") against Amazon based on their significant U.S. inventory and significant U.S. operations. *Id.* at 182–83. The ALJ recommended that the Commission issue a bond of zero percent based on Nokia's failure to justify a bond. *Id.* at 183.

On December 31, 2024, the Commission requested comments from the public and interested government agencies regarding any public interest issues raised by the ALJ's RD. *See* 90 FR 670 (Jan. 6, 2025). The Commission received comments from Michael A. Carrier, a Rutgers Law Professor; four other law professors; the Fair Standards Alliance; the Computer and Communications Alliance Industry Association and Alliance for Automotive Innovation; ACT the App Association; and the ITC Modernization Alliance and High Tech Innovators Alliance. The Commission also received comments from Nokia pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(a)(4). 19 CFR 210.50(a)(4).

On January 3, 2025, Amazon filed a petition for review challenging quorum and the Final ID's findings on the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement, various infringement, invalidity, and technical prong issues for the four patents for which violation was found, and implied waiver and breach of the obligation to provide a license on RAND terms.

That same day, Nokia filed a petition challenging the Final ID's finding of no violation for the '991 patent and finding that claims 25 and 26 of the '267 patent are invalid as obvious, and a contingent petition regarding aspects of the Final ID's findings on the '818, '321, and '714 patents, the economic prong, and the RAND defense. On January 13, 2025, Amazon and Nokia opposed each other's petitions.

Also on January 3, 2025, Amazon filed a motion to extend the target date for the completion of the investigation based on quorum issues. On January 15, 2025, Nokia opposed Amazon's motion. On January 24, 2025, Amazon acknowledged that the potential quorum issues no longer existed, but requested that the Commission extend the target date for the completion of the investigation based on a pending United Kingdom Court of Appeal proceeding concerning an interim license and RAND issues. The motion remains pending before the Commission.

On January 17, 2025, Nokia and Amazon filed a joint motion to reopen the record to correct mislabeling in two admitted exhibits and to submit three exhibits (which were admitted by the ALJ but inadvertently not submitted by Amazon) into the record. The motion indicates that OUII takes no position on the motion due to its limited participation. The Commission has determined to grant the motion.

Before reaching the merits of whether to review the Final ID and in an abundance of caution, the Commission, after having fully reviewed the underlying facts and decisions, has determined to ratify all prior Commission actions taken in this investigation, including but not limited to its determination to institute this investigation, the delegation of this investigation to the ALJ for appropriate proceedings, initial determinations, and findings on the public interest, the naming of OUII as a party to this investigation, and the Commission's prior determinations declining to review the initial determinations of the presiding ALJ regarding termination of claims, the termination of HP as a respondent, and the grant in part of a motion for summary determination that Nokia failed to establish the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement under 19 U.S.C.

1337(a)(3)(C). 88 FR 84830–31; Comm'n Notice (Feb. 20, 2025); Comm'n Notice (Mar. 8, 2024); Comm'n Notice (Sept. 10, 2024); Comm'n Notice (Sept. 17, 2024); Comm'n Notice (Oct. 1, 2024); Comm'n Notice (Dec. 10, 2024); *Advanced Disposal Services East, Inc. v. N.L.R.B.*, 820 F.3d 592, 602–06 (3d Cir.

2016). Amazon does not dispute that the Commission currently has quorum under its statute, 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(6).

Having examined the record of this investigation, including the Final ID, the petitions for review, and the responses thereto, the Commission has determined to review the Final ID in its entirety. The Commission has also determined to extend the target date for the competition of the investigation to May 14, 2025.

In connection with its review, the Commission is interested in responses to the following questions. The parties are requested to brief their positions with reference to the applicable law, the existing evidentiary record, and the parties' submissions during the investigation.

1. Citing the evidentiary record, please describe the extent to which the Microsoft Xbox chipsets are customized and the extent to which Microsoft is involved in such customization. Please explain how such customization impacts the analysis under the *Magnetic Tapes* factors—"whether the patented technology is sold as a separate entity or article of commerce; whether it is an essential component of the downstream product; and whether the domestic industry activities have a direct relationship to exploitation of the patented technology." *See Certain Magnetic Tape Cartridges*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1058, Comm'n Op. at 48–50 (Apr. 9, 2019).

2. What is the evidence that Nokia's licensees' R&D activities and investments in their downstream products "have a direct relationship to the exploitation of the patented technology" of each asserted patent? Please explain what that direct relationship is. Under the rationale of *Magnetic Tapes*, at what point would domestic industry activities no longer have a direct relationship to exploitation of the patented technology such that the activities should not be considered "with respect to the article protected by the patent"? How is the consideration of the relationship of domestic activities asserted under subsection (A) or (B) to exploitation of the patented technology under the rationale of *Magnetic Tapes* different than the consideration of the relationship of the asserted activities to exploitation of the patented technology under subsection (C)?

3. In determining whether domestic research and development (R&D) investments are significant under subsection 337(a)(3)(A), should the Commission consider all worldwide plant and equipment investments related to the article protected by each

patent or only worldwide R&D-related plant and equipment expenses? Likewise, in determining whether domestic R&D investments are significant under subsection 337(a)(3)(B), should the Commission consider all worldwide labor and capital investments related to the article protected by each patent or only worldwide R&D-related labor and capital expenses? Please discuss the evidence of record as to these contextual analyses.

4. Please address whether the Commission should continue allowing investments related to engineering, research and development to qualify for a domestic industry under subsections 337(a)(3)(A) and (B). *See Certain Solid State Storage Drives, Stacked Electronic Components, and Products Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1097, Comm'n Op. (June 29, 2018). If engineering, research and development investments can still be considered under subsections (A) and (B), should the Commission consider a different basis for determining significance of those investments under subsections (A) and (B) than what should be considered in determining whether those investments are substantial under subsection (C)?

5. When the complainant alleges that an asserted patent is a standard essential patent, subject to reasonable, and non-discriminatory (RAND) licensing terms, is the complainant precluded from seeking an exclusion order and/or cease and desist order based on infringement of that patent? Should the Commission consider RAND licensing obligations as a legal or equitable defense (i.e., as part of its violation determination) under section 337(c), 19 U.S.C. 1337(c)) or as part of its consideration of the public interest factors under section 337(d)(1) and (f)(1)? Please discuss theories in law, equity, and the public interest, and identify which (if any) of the public interest factors of 337(d)(1) and (f)(1) preclude issuance of such an order.

6. In the event a violation is found, does the information regarding the parties' RAND obligations and licensing attempts inform any particular public interest factor that the Commission should consider under section 337(d)(1) and (f)(1)? If so, please identify which factor it informs and explain why, including the relevant evidence of record. As part of its public interest analysis, should the Commission determine whether any prior license offer made by the patent holder covering the accused products is reasonable and non-discriminatory? If so, what evidence should the Commission consider in determining whether offers are reasonable and non-discriminatory

based on the record of this investigation?

7. Should the Commission determine whether Amazon is a willing putative licensee? What is Amazon's obligation to fairly compensate the patent holder? What is the evidence of record, which party has the burden of proof, and was that burden met?

8. In this investigation, what evidence is there in the record regarding whether Nokia complied with its patent disclosure obligations regarding the setting of the H.264 and H.265 standards with respect to the patents asserted in this investigation? Please cite the relevant agreement and evidence of Nokia's compliance or noncompliance with regard to any obligations concerning the disclosure of the asserted patents.

9. What is the evidence of record of hold-up or hold-out by the parties, if any?

10. To what extent would the resolution of the Amazon-Nokia dispute in the UK court resolve issues in this investigation, including without limitation the violation issues, the remedy issues, and the public interest issues? If the UK court determines that a license should be granted on RAND terms, would that license cover the accused products in this investigation? What is the expected timing of any such resolution in the UK proceedings? Should the Commission extend its target date pending resolution of this dispute by the UK court?

11. Should the Commission provide an exemption to its remedial orders to allow for service, repair, and/or replacement of the accused products? Should such an exemption apply to only accused products under warranty? If an exemption should be granted to allow accused products to be used for service, repair, and/or replacement, please propose specific language that should be included in the Commission's remedial orders for any such exemption.

12. What are the warranty terms, if any, for the accused products? Is there any evidence of record showing that the warranty terms can be satisfied using non-infringing products?

13. Please provide data and information in the record identifying all reasonable substitutes for the accused products and their availability to U.S. consumers.

The parties are invited to brief only the discrete issues requested above. The parties are not to brief other issues on review, which are adequately presented in the parties' existing filings.

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 position on the Commission's action. 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:** The Commission requests that the parties to the investigation file written submissions on the issues identified in this notice. The Commission encourages parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties 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, which issued on December 20, 2024.

The Commission further requests that Complainants and OUII submit proposed remedial orders, state the date when the asserted patents expire, provide the HTSUS subheadings under which the subject articles are imported, and supply a list of known importers of the subject article. The written submissions, exclusive of any exhibits, must not exceed 75 pages, and must be filed no later than close of business on March 13, 2025. Reply submissions must not exceed 50 pages and must be filed no later than the close of business on March 20, 2025. No further submissions on 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 pursuant to 19 CFR 210.4(f). Submissions should refer to the investigation number (Inv. No. 337-TA-1380) 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](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. A redacted non-confidential version of the document must also be filed simultaneously with 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 February 27, 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: February 27, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### [Investigation No. 337-TA-1389]

#### **Certain Computing Devices Utilizing Indexed Search Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2025, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued an Initial Determination on Violation of Section 337. The ALJ also issued a Recommended Determination on remedy and bonding should a violation be found in the above-captioned investigation. The Commission is soliciting submissions on public interest issues raised by the recommended relief should the Commission find a violation. This notice is soliciting comments from the public and interested government agencies only.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard P. Hadorn, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3179. 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](mailto: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, telephone (202) 205-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 provides that, if the Commission finds a violation, it shall exclude the articles concerned from the United States unless, after considering the effect of such exclusion upon the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, and United States consumers, it finds that such articles should not be excluded from entry. (19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1)). A similar provision applies to cease and desist orders. (19 U.S.C. 1337(f)(1)).

The Commission is soliciting submissions on public interest issues raised by the recommended relief should the Commission find a violation, specifically: a limited exclusion order directed to certain computing devices utilizing indexed search systems and components thereof imported, sold for importation, and/or sold after importation by respondents (1) ASUSTeK Computer Inc. of Taipei, Taiwan; (2) ASUS Computer International of Fremont, California; (3) Acer Inc. of Taipei, Taiwan; (4) Acer America Corporation of San Jose, California; (5) Dell Technologies Inc. of Round Rock, Texas; and (6) Dell Products L.P. of Round Rock, Texas (collectively, "Respondents"); and cease and desist orders directed to Respondents. Parties are to file public interest submissions pursuant to 19 CFR 210.50(a)(4).

The Commission is interested in further development of the record on the public interest in this investigation. Accordingly, members of the public and interested government agencies are invited to file submissions of no more than five (5) pages, inclusive of attachments, concerning the public interest in light of the ALJ's Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bonding issued in this investigation on February 26, 2025. Comments should address whether issuance of the recommended remedial orders in this investigation, should the Commission find a violation, 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 recommended remedial orders are used in the United States;
- (ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the recommended 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 recommended orders within a commercially reasonable time; and
- (v) explain how the recommended orders would impact consumers in the United States.

Written submissions must be filed no later than by close of business on March 31, 2025.

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-1389") in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, [https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed\\_reg\\_notices/rules/handbook\\_on\\_electronic\\_filing.pdf](https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/handbook_on_electronic_filing.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 simultaneously with any confidential filing and must be served in accordance with Commission Rule 210.4(f)(7)(ii)(A) (19 CFR 210.4(f)(7)(ii)(A)). 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.

This action is taken under the authority of 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: February 27, 2025.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Defense Electronics Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on February 7, 2025, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Defense Electronics Consortium ("DEC") 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.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. This group research project is no longer accepting new members; however, DEC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 12, 2023, DEC 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 August 8, 2023 (88 FR 53520).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 11, 2024. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 24, 2025 (90 FR 8145).

**Suzanne Morris,**

Deputy Director, Civil Enforcement Operations, Antitrust Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1121-0243]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection: Grants Management System (JustGrants System)

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until April 3, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Jennifer Tyson, Deputy Director, Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 999 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20531 at (202) 598-0386 or [jennifer.tyson@usdoj.gov](mailto:jennifer.tyson@usdoj.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2024, 89 FR 102164, allowing a 60-day comment period. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should

address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 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;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; 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 submission of responses.

### Overview of This Information Collection

**1. Type of Information Collection:** Extension without change of a currently approved collection; non-substantive name change.

**2. The Title of the Form/Collection:** The existing title is the Community Partnership Grants Management System. Going forward, this collection will be referred to as the JustGrants System collection. The JustGrants System is the successor system to the Community Partnership Grants Management System and encompasses and replaces the functionality of the latter.

**3. The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:** NA. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management, in the Office of Justice Programs.

**4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:** The primary respondents are state, local, and tribal governments, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and other organizations applying for DOJ grants. JustGrants is a web-based grants applications system and award management system. It provides automated support throughout the award lifecycle, and facilitates reporting to Congress and other interested agencies. The system stores essential information required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA). JustGrants has also been designated the OJP official system of record for grants

activities by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**5. An Estimate of the Total Number of Respondents and the Amount of Time Estimated for an Average Respondent to Respond:** An estimated 18,793 organizations will respond to the collections under JustGrants and on average it will take each of them from 1 to 11 hours to complete various award lifecycle processes within the system, varying from application submission, award management and reporting, and award closeout (a total average of 29.17 hours for all processes).

**6. An Estimate of the Total Public Burden (in hours) Associated with the collection:** The estimated public burden associated with this application is 381,644 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Darwin Arceo,**

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Criteria and Non-Criteria Agricultural Clearance Order Forms and H-2A Application for Temporary Employment Certification in States and by Employers Covered by Injunction of the Farmworker Protection Final Rule

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to [www.reginfogov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfogov/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:**

Michael Howell by telephone at 202-693-6782, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request (ICR) seeks an extension without change to reinstate previous versions of Forms ETA-9142A, ETA-790, ETA-790A, and ETA-790B. Employers will use the forms that were used before the effective date of the Farmworker Protection Final Rule. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 2024 (89 FR 99908).

*Comments are invited on:* (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. 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 the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL-ETA.

*Title of Collection:* Criteria and Non-Criteria Agricultural Clearance Order Forms and H-2A Application for Temporary Employment Certification in

States and by Employers Covered by Injunction of the Farmworker Protection Final Rule.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0562.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits, Government, State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 28,153.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 519,211.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 105,813 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

**Michael Howell,**

*Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst.* [FR Doc. 2025-03485 Filed 3-3-25; 8:45 am]

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9440 (voice), [Petitionsformodification@dol.gov](mailto:Petitionsformodification@dol.gov) (email), or 202-693-9441 (fax). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification.

## I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary of Labor determines that:

1. An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or

2. The application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

## II. Petition for Modification

*Docket Number:* M-2025-013-C.

*Petitioner:* Signal Peak Energy, LLC, 100 Portal Dr., Roundup, MT 59072.

*Mine:* Bull Mountains Mine No. 1, MSHA ID No. 24-01950, located in Musselshell County, Montana.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002(a), Permissible electric equipment.

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the application of 30 CFR 75.1002(a) to allow the use of an alternative method of respirable dust protection.

Specifically, the petitioner is seeking modification of the existing standard to permit usage of Dräger X-plore 8700 Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) to be used within 150 feet of pillar workings or longwall faces to protect miners from respirable dust.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The petitioner currently utilizes 3M Versaflo TR-800 PAPRs, that were approved for use under a previous petition. The company's request to utilize Dräger units seeks to leverage its improved performance, battery life, durability, and air volume capacity to provide employees with the best protection available.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petition for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by Signal Peak Energy, LLC.

**DATES:** All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA-2025-0019 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA-2025-0019.

2. *Fax:* 202-693-9441.  
3. *Email:* [petitioncomments@dol.gov](mailto:petitioncomments@dol.gov).

4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:*

MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

*Attention:* S. Aromie Noe, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment.

(b) Signal Peak Energy's Bull Mountains Mine No. 1 is a non-gassy mine. Methane and other relevant explosive gases have not been encountered at the mine.

(c) MSHA-approved permissible PAPRs are widely discontinued.

(d) Although not MSHA approved, the proposed Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR is certified as intrinsically safe to use in explosive or dusty environments. It is approved with an intrinsically safe (IS) rating of Class I, Zone 1, AEx ib IIB T4 Gb for explosive gas environments, and Zone 21, AEx ib IIIB 135 °C Db for combustible dust environments, under standards including CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60079-11:14 and ANSI/UL 60079-11:13. These certifications ensure the unit's safe operation in hazardous locations where explosive gases or dusts may be present.

(e) The standards for approval of these respirators are an acceptable alternative to MSHA's standards and provide an equivalent level of protection.

(f) The alternative method will guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

The petitioner proposes the following alternative method:

(a) Batteries for the Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR shall be charged only in intake air, either on the surface or underground, and not within 150 feet of a worked-out area.

(b) Battery inspections and replacements shall be conducted in intake air, either on the surface or underground.

(c) Appropriate battery packs and chargers shall be used with Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPRs:

(1) Li-Ion "High Capacity Battery (EX)", 10.8 V, 6400mAh, P/N R59575, Um = 18 V DC for charging; or

(2) Li-Ion "Standard Capacity Battery (EX)" 10.8 V, 3350mAh, P/N R59595, Um = 18 V DC for charging.

(d) Miners shall be trained on the safe use, care, and inspection of the Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR units.

(e) The Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR units shall be assessed for physical damage before each use.

(f) The Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR shall not be used if methane is at or above one percent. If methane levels are higher than one percent, equipment shall immediately be de-energized and removed from the affected areas.

(g) All qualified and affected personnel shall receive training on the terms and conditions of the proposed decision and order (PDO) granted by MSHA prior to utilizing equipment in affected areas. A record of training shall

be kept and provided upon request by an authorized representative.

(h) There are no representatives of miners at Signal Peak Energy, LLC, Bull Mountains Mine No. 1. A copy of this petition has been posted on the bulletin board as of December 20, 2024.

In support of the proposed alternative method, the petitioner has also submitted: a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX Certificate of Compliance and a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX data sheet.

The petitioner asserts that the alternative method will guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

**Song-ae Aromie Noe,**  
*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petition for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**DATES:** All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before April 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA-2025-0018 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA-2025-0018.

2. *Fax:* 202-693-9441.  
3. *Email:* [petitioncomments@dol.gov](mailto:petitioncomments@dol.gov).

4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:*  
MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

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2. The application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

### II. Petition for Modification

**Docket Number:** M-2025-012-C.

**Petitioner:** Signal Peak Energy, LLC, 100 Portal Dr., Roundup, MT 59072.

**Mine:** Bull Mountains Mine No. 1, MSHA ID No. 24-01950, located in Musselshell County, Montana.

**Regulation Affected:** 30 CFR 75.507-1(a), Permissible electric equipment.

**Modification Request:** The petitioner requests a modification of the application of 30 CFR 75.507-1(a) to allow the use of an alternative method of respirable dust protection. Specifically, the petitioner is seeking modification of the existing standard to permit usage of Dräger X-plore 8700 Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) to be used in return air outby the last open crosscut to protect miners from respirable dust.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The petitioner currently utilizes 3M Versaflo TR-800 PAPRs, that were approved for use under a previous petition. The company's request to utilize Dräger units seeks to leverage its improved performance, battery life, durability, and air volume capacity to provide employees with the best protection available.

(b) Signal Peak Energy's Bull Mountains Mine No. 1 is a non-gassy

mine. Methane and other relevant explosive gases have not been encountered at the mine.

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(d) Although not MSHA approved, the proposed Dräger X-plore 8700 PAPR is certified as intrinsically safe to use in explosive or dusty environments. It is approved with an intrinsically safe (IS) rating of Class I, Zone 1, AEx ib IIB T4 Gb for explosive gas environments, and Zone 21, AEx ib IIIB 135 °C Db for combustible dust environments, under standards including CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60079-11:14 and ANSI/UL 60079-11:13. These certifications ensure the unit's safe operation in hazardous locations where explosive gases or dusts may be present.

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(g) All qualified and affected personnel shall receive training on the terms and conditions of the proposed decision and order (PDO) granted by MSHA prior to utilizing equipment in affected areas. A record of training shall be kept and provided upon request by an authorized representative.

(h) There are no representatives of miners at Signal Peak Energy, LLC, Bull Mountains Mine No. 1. A copy of this petition has been posted on the bulletin board as of December 20, 2024.

In support of the proposed alternative method, the petitioner has also submitted: a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX Certificate of Compliance and a Dräger X-plore 8700 EX data sheet.

The petitioner asserts that the alternative method will guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

**Song-ae Aromie Noe,**  
*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

**[OMB Control No. 1240-0054]**

### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Disclosure of Medical Evidence

**AGENCY:** Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request 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. Currently, the OWCP is soliciting comments on the information collection for Disclosure of Medical Evidence.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before May 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

**Electronic Submissions:** Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments

for [OWCP-2025-0002]. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.

- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

**Written/Paper Submissions:** Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery:** Mail or visit DOL-OWCP, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anjanette Suggs, Office of Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, at (202) 354-9660 (phone) or [suggs.anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:suggs.anjanette@dol.gov) (email).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The Department's regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, require parties to exchange all medical information about the miner they develop in connection with a claim for benefits, including information the parties do not intend to submit as evidence in the claim. See 20 CFR 725.413. The rule helps protect a miner's health, assist unrepresented parties, and promote accurate benefit determinations. The potential parties to a BLBA claim include the benefits claimant, the responsible coal mine operator and its insurance carrier, and the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). Under this rule, a party or a party's agent who receives medical information about the miner must send a copy to all other parties within 30 days after receipt or, if a hearing before an administrative law judge has already been scheduled, at least 20 days before the hearing. The exchanged information is entered into the record of the claim only if a party submits it into evidence.

The Department's authority to engage in information collection is specified in BLBA sections 413(b), 422(a), and 426(a). See 30 U.S.C. 923(b), 932(a), and 936(a).

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the Disclosure of Medical Evidence. OWCP is particularly interested in comments that:

Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility; Evaluate the accuracy of OWCP's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;

Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and Minimize the burden of the information collection 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 submission of responses.

Documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL-OWCP located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-3520, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** contact section of this notice.

## III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns Disclosure of Medical Evidence. OWCP has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Agency:** Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

**OMB Number:** 1240-0054.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents:** 6,797.

**Number of Responses:** 6979.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 1,135 hours.

**Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost:** \$16,041.

**OWCP Forms:** DCMWC Form, Disclosure of Medical Evidence.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

**Anjanette C. Suggs,**

*Certifying Officer.*

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Comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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## I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<https://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.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> 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).

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):** MC2025–1198 and K2025–1198; **Filing Title:** USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 631 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; **Filing Acceptance Date:** February 26, 2025; **Filing Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; **Public Representative:** Jennaca Upperman; **Comments Due:** March 6, 2025.
2. **Docket No(s):** MC2025–1199 and K2025–1199; **Filing Title:** USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1335 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; **Filing Acceptance Date:** February 26, 2025; **Filing Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; **Public Representative:** Kenneth Moeller; **Comments Due:** March 6, 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 SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean C. Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on February 26, 2025, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 1335 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2025–1199, K2025–1199.

**Sean C. Robinson,**  
*Attorney, Corporate and Postal Business Law.*  
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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on February 26, 2025, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 631 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2025–1198, K2025–1198.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on February 24, 2025, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 629 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2025–1196, K2025–1196.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® Negotiated Service Agreement

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

**DATES:** *Date of required notice:* March 4, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sean C. Robinson, 202–268–8405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on February 24, 2025, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 630 to Competitive Product List*. Documents

are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2025-1197, K2025-1197.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102491; File No. SR-NYSENAT-2025-01]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE National, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change for New Rule 10.7000

February 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 18, 2025, NYSE National, Inc. (“NYSE National” or 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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 a new Rule 10.7000 Series governing review and appeal of adverse actions and conforming changes to Rules 2.5 (Application Procedures for an ETP Holder) and 2.6 (Revocation of an ETP or an Association with an ETP Holder). The proposed Rule 10.7000 Series is substantially the same as rule text inadvertently deleted in 2018. The proposed rule change, including the Exchange’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

rule change, is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://www.nyse.com> and on the Commission’s website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-NYSENAT-2025-01](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-NYSENAT-2025-01).

## 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.<sup>5</sup> 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-NYSENAT-2025-01](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-NYSENAT-2025-01)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-NYSENAT-2025-01 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-NYSENAT-2025-01. 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-NYSENAT-2025-01](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-NYSENAT-2025-01)). 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-NYSENAT-2025-01 and should be submitted on or before March 25, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102490; File No. S7-2024-07]

### Order Under Section 36 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) Granting the New York Stock Exchange LLC’s Application To Amend a Conditional Exemption From Section 12(a) of the Exchange Act

February 26, 2025.

#### I. Introduction

On April 12, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) received an application from the New York Stock Exchange LLC (the “NYSE”) to amend a conditional exemption from Section 12(a) of the Exchange Act that the Commission granted to the NYSE on November 16, 2006 (the “2006 Exemption”)<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Section 36<sup>2</sup> of the Exchange Act,<sup>3</sup> in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exchange Act Rule 0-12.<sup>4</sup> The 2006 Exemption granted exemptive relief from Section 12(a)<sup>5</sup> of the Exchange Act to permit the NYSE’s members, brokers, and dealers to trade debt securities not registered under the Exchange Act on the NYSE’s Automated Bond System, now known as “NYSE Bonds,” subject to certain conditions. One of those conditions is that an issuer of the debt securities, or the issuer’s parent if the issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary, has at least one class of common or preferred equity securities that is: (i) registered under Section 12(b)

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>2</sup> Order Granting the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.’s (n/k/a the New York Stock Exchange LLC) Application for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 36 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Release No. 34-54766 (Nov. 16, 2006) [71 FR 67657 (Nov. 22, 2006)] (“2006 Exemption”).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78mm. Section 36(a)(1) of the Exchange Act authorizes the Commission to exempt, conditionally or unconditionally, any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any Exchange Act provision or any rule or regulation thereunder by rule, regulation, or order, to the extent that the exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.0-12.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(a).

of the Exchange Act; and (ii) listed on the NYSE.<sup>6</sup> The NYSE's application seeks to amend the 2006 Exemption by revising part (ii) of this condition so that debt securities not registered under the Exchange Act would be permitted to trade on NYSE Bonds if their issuer, or the issuer's parent if the issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary, has a class of common or preferred equity securities listed on *any* national securities exchange,<sup>7</sup> not only the NYSE. All other terms of the 2006 Exemption would remain the same.

On October 29, 2024, the Commission approved publication of a notice of the application submitted by the NYSE (the "Notice").<sup>8</sup> The Commission received one comment letter on the Notice, which was supportive of the NYSE's application and is discussed below.<sup>9</sup> This order grants the NYSE's application to amend the 2006 Exemption, subject to the conditions set forth below. This order supersedes the 2006 Exemption.

## II. Background

Section 12(a) of the Exchange Act provides in relevant part that it "shall be unlawful for any member, broker or dealer to effect any transaction in any security (other than an exempted security<sup>10</sup>) on a national securities exchange unless a registration is effective as to such security for such exchange." Section 12(b)<sup>11</sup> of the Exchange Act describes how an issuer may register a security on a national securities exchange. Accordingly, unless the equity or debt security is an "exempted security"<sup>12</sup> or otherwise exempt from Exchange Act registration (for example, as the result of an exemption pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act), the security must be

<sup>6</sup> See 2006 Exemption, *supra* note 1. See also Letter from Mary Yeager, New York Stock Exchange, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, dated May 26, 2005 (NYSE's request for exemptive relief), available at <https://www.sec.gov/files/rules/exorders/s70605/s70605-16.pdf>; Notice of an Application of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 36 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Request for Comment, Release No. 34-51998 (July 8, 2005) [70 FR 40748 (July 14, 2005)].

<sup>7</sup> A "national securities exchange" is a securities exchange that has registered with the Commission under Section 6 of the Exchange Act. 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>8</sup> Notice of an Application of the New York Stock Exchange LLC for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 36 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Request for Comment, Release No. 34-101468 (Oct. 29, 2024) [89 FR 87668 (Nov. 4, 2024)] ("NYSE Application").

<sup>9</sup> See *infra* note 26.

<sup>10</sup> See Section 3(a)(12) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(12)] (defining "exempted security").

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(b).

<sup>12</sup> See *supra* note 10.

registered by the issuer under the Exchange Act before a member, broker, or dealer may trade that security on a national securities exchange.

However, brokers or dealers (collectively "broker-dealers")<sup>13</sup> who trade debt securities other than on a national securities exchange—*e.g.*, over-the-counter ("OTC")—may trade debt securities regardless of whether the issuer registered those securities under the Exchange Act. This is the case because although the Exchange Act requires issuers to register certain equity securities that are not traded on a national securities exchange, it does not require issuers to register debt securities that are not traded on a national securities exchange. In particular, Section 12(g)<sup>14</sup> of the Exchange Act, the only Exchange Act provision other than Section 12(a) to impose an affirmative Exchange Act registration requirement on issuers, requires the registration of equity securities but not debt securities.<sup>15</sup>

As the Commission has stated in the past, this disparate regulatory treatment between debt securities traded on an exchange versus those traded in the OTC market may have unnecessarily and unintentionally affected the structure and development of the public debt markets.<sup>16</sup> The Commission has taken certain steps to mitigate the effects of such disparate treatment. For example, in 1994, to reduce existing regulatory distinctions between exchange-traded debt securities and debt securities that trade in the OTC market, the Commission adopted Exchange Act Rule 3a12–11.<sup>17</sup> Rule

<sup>13</sup> "Broker" is generally defined in section 3(a)(4)(A) of the Exchange Act as any person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others. 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(4)(A). "Dealer," in turn, is generally defined in section 3(a)(5)(A) of the Exchange Act as any person engaged in the business of buying and selling securities for such person's own account through a broker or otherwise. 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(5)(A). The term "broker-dealer" is used to encompass all brokers, all dealers, and firms that are both brokers and dealers.

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l(g).

<sup>15</sup> Section 12(g)(1) of the Exchange Act and Rule 12g–1 [17 CFR 240.12g–1] promulgated thereunder require an issuer to register a class of equity securities if the issuer of the securities, at the end of its fiscal year, has more than \$10,000,000 in total assets and a class of equity securities held by either 2,000 persons or 500 persons who are not accredited investors. When Congress amended the Exchange Act in 1964 to add Section 12(g), it extended the registration requirement to specified equity securities that are not exchange-traded. No comparable provision was provided for debt securities that are not exchange-traded.

<sup>16</sup> See Release Nos. 34–34922 (Nov. 1, 1994) [59 FR 55342 (Nov. 7, 1994)], and 34–34139 (June 1, 1994) [59 FR 29398 (June 7, 1994)].

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.3a12–11. Release No. 34–34922 (Nov. 1, 1994) [59 FR 55342 (Nov. 7, 1994)].

3a12–11 provides for the automatic effectiveness of Form 8–A registration statements for exchange-traded debt securities, exempts exchange-traded debt from the borrowing restrictions under section 8(a) of the Exchange Act,<sup>18</sup> and exempts exchange-traded debt from certain proxy and information statement requirements under sections 14(a), (b), and (c) of the Exchange Act.<sup>19</sup>

As another example, in 2001, the Commission approved the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's ("FINRA") (formerly the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD")), rules for the Transaction Reporting and Compliance Engine ("TRACE") to, among other things, improve price transparency in the corporate bond market.<sup>20</sup> FINRA has subsequently increased transparency in the corporate bond market through TRACE by requiring more contemporaneous reporting. In 2005, FINRA shortened the deadline for reporting most transactions to TRACE to 15 minutes,<sup>21</sup> and, in 2015, FINRA required such transactions to be reported as soon as practicable but no later than within 15 minutes.<sup>22</sup> In 2024, the Commission approved a FINRA rule change to reduce the 15-minute reporting timeframe for transactions reported to FINRA's TRACE system to one minute.<sup>23</sup>

On November 16, 2006, the Commission granted the 2006 Exemption to permit the NYSE to trade debt securities not registered under the Exchange Act on the facility that is now known as NYSE Bonds, subject to certain conditions. The Commission stated that granting this exemption "will

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78h(a).

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78n(a), (b), and (c).

<sup>20</sup> See Release No. 34–43873 (Jan. 23, 2001) [66 FR 8131 (Jan. 29, 2001)] (Order Approving File No. SR-NASD–99–65).

<sup>21</sup> See Release No. 34–49854 (June 14, 2004) [69 FR 35088 (June 23, 2004)] (Order Approving File No. SR-NASD–2004–057).

<sup>22</sup> See Release No. 34–75782 (Aug. 28, 2015) [80 FR 53375 (Sept. 3, 2015)] (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA 2015–025).

<sup>23</sup> See Release No. 34–101121 (Sept. 20, 2024) [89 FR 78930 (Sept. 26, 2024)] (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA–2024–004). On Nov. 15, 2024, the American Securities Association ("ASA") filed a petition for review of the Commission's order with the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. *See American Securities Association v. United States Securities and Exchange Commission*, No. 24–13750 (11th Cir., filed Nov. 15, 2024). On Feb. 13, 2025, ASA filed a motion to hold the case in abeyance to Aug. 13, 2025. *See American Securities Association v. United States Securities and Exchange Commission*, No. 24–13750 (11th Cir., filed Feb. 13, 2025). The court granted ASA's motion on Feb. 18, 2025. *See American Securities Association v. United States Securities and Exchange Commission*, No. 24–13750 (11th Cir., Feb. 18, 2025) (order granting petitioner's motion to hold the appeal in abeyance).

serve the public interest by minimizing unnecessary regulatory disparity and promoting competition" in the public debt markets.<sup>24</sup>

The disparate regulatory treatment of debt securities traded on an exchange versus those traded in the OTC market may continue to impact competition between those markets. The NYSE noted in its application that "[t]he current regulatory landscape . . . puts NYSE Bonds at a competitive disadvantage to the [alternative trading systems]," as "[t]he vast majority" of electronic transactions in the corporate bonds markets occur on alternative trading systems.<sup>25</sup>

### III. Discussion and Amended Exemptive Relief

As noted above, the Commission received one comment letter on the Notice.<sup>26</sup> The commenter was supportive of the proposal and stated it believes "that allowing a greater proportion of debt securities to trade on NYSE [B]onds as contemplated by the application will benefit investors and the marketplace, as long as the Commission's approval of NYSE's application does not result in the imposition of prohibitions or restrictions on those same debt securities being traded on other market centers."<sup>27</sup> This order imposes no such prohibitions or restrictions.

Section 36(a)(1) of the Exchange Act grants the Commission the authority, with certain limitations not at issue here,<sup>28</sup> to "conditionally or unconditionally exempt any person, security, or transaction . . . from any provision or provisions of [the Exchange Act] or of any rule or regulation thereunder, to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, and is consistent with the protection of investors."<sup>29</sup> The amended exemptive relief is appropriate in the public interest and consistent

with the protection of investors because it will minimize unnecessary regulatory disparity and promote competition and transparency in the public debt markets.

Presently, unlike on a national securities exchange, broker-dealers may trade debt securities in the OTC market (for example, on one or more alternative trading systems) regardless of whether the issuer registered that class of debt under the Exchange Act. The requested exemption is designed to minimize that disparate regulatory treatment and to promote competition between national securities exchanges and OTC markets that trade debt securities.

The other conditions of the 2006 Exemption will remain in effect and continue to serve to protect investors by minimizing any reduction in information available as a result of the exemption we are granting. Further, the conditions are designed to ensure that investors continue to have access to comprehensive public information about an issuer, including the issuer's detailed disclosure in a registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933<sup>30</sup> and accompanying trust indenture qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939,<sup>31</sup> and substantially all of the public information that would be available if the securities were registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. To the extent that the amended exemptive relief encourages increased trading of debt securities on national securities exchanges, it also may promote greater price transparency with respect to such debt securities.<sup>32</sup>

The Commission is granting the amended exemptive relief subject to the one additional undertaking that the Commission proposed in the Notice: the NYSE will monitor daily the delistings of equity securities of each issuer whose debt securities are listed for trading on NYSE Bonds or, if the issuer of the debt securities is a wholly-owned subsidiary, equity securities of the issuer's parent company. This undertaking will help protect investors by mitigating the risk

that investors will trade an issuer's debt securities on NYSE Bonds without access to the information regarding the issuer that is required pursuant to the Exchange Act for listed equity securities. If the equity securities of an issuer are delisted, then the NYSE would have to ensure that the issuer's debt securities no longer trade on NYSE Bonds in order to satisfy the conditions of this exemption.<sup>33</sup>

In granting this relief, the Commission expects that the NYSE will design, implement, and maintain all rules related to the relief in a manner that protects investors and the public interest and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, or broker-dealers.

Accordingly, *it is ordered* pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act that, under the terms and conditions set forth below, an NYSE member or broker-dealer may, without violating Section 12(a) of the Exchange Act, effect a transaction on NYSE Bonds, and any successor bond trading facility, in a debt security that has not been registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act. This exemption does not extend to any other section or provision of the Exchange Act.

For purposes of this order, the term "debt securities" is defined as set forth in NYSE Rule 1400, as in effect on February 26, 2025.<sup>34</sup> Rule 1400 states, in relevant part, that "the term Debt Securities includes only securities that, if they were to be listed on the NYSE, would be listed under Sections 102.03 or 103.05 of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual; provided, however, that such securities shall not include any security that is defined as an 'equity security' under Section 3(a)(11) of the Exchange Act."<sup>35</sup> Rule 1400 further states that "[f]or the avoidance of doubt, note that the term Debt Securities does not include a security that, if listed on the NYSE, would have been listed under Section 703.19 of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual or any equity-linked debt securities listed under Rule 5P. The

<sup>24</sup> See 2006 Exemption, *supra* note 1, at 67658.

<sup>25</sup> NYSE Application, *supra* note 8, at 6.

<sup>26</sup> Letter from Thomas M. Merritt, Virtu Financial, Inc. (Dec. 2, 2024), available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/s7-2024-07/s7202407-544515-1559362.pdf>.

<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> Sections 36(b) of the Exchange Act sets forth certain limitations to the Commission's exemptive authority under Section 36(a). 15 U.S.C. 78mm(b) ("The Commission may not, under this section, exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from section 15C or the rules or regulations issued thereunder or (for purposes of section 15C and the rules and regulations issued thereunder) from any definition in paragraph (42), (43), (44), or (45) of section 3(a)."). See also 15 U.S.C. 78mm(c) (setting forth additional limitations on the Commission's exemptive authority not applicable here).

<sup>29</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78mm(a)(1).

<sup>30</sup> 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*

<sup>31</sup> 15 U.S.C. 77aaa-77bbbb.

<sup>32</sup> See NYSE Application, *supra* note 8, at 7 ("In contrast to OTC markets trading debt securities, the Exchange's bond market disseminates *both* last sale prices as they occur on the Exchange *exclusive of any mark-ups, mark-downs, or other charges*, and bid and ask quotations. This market data is available through some 400,000 market data displays providing subscribers—primarily securities firms and financial institutions—with direct *instantaneous* access to this information, throughout each trading day. The Exchange is not aware of any comparable level of transparency—trade prices, quotations, and speed of availability for corporate bond prices—that exists currently elsewhere. This transparency is absent when a bond delists from, or is not traded on, the Exchange.").

<sup>33</sup> In addition to the new undertaking, the Commission is amending the 2006 Exemption by listing in our order several other undertakings with which the NYSE must comply. This is a non-substantive change, as the 2006 Exemption required the NYSE to comply with the same undertakings (set forth in paragraphs in (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of our order), but did not expressly list those undertakings in the order. Instead, the 2006 Exemption referred to the NYSE's application, which set forth those undertakings. The Commission is listing the undertakings in this order for the sake of clarity and ease of reference. The Commission also is making certain other changes to the wording of the order that do not have any substantive effect.

<sup>34</sup> NYSE R. 1400 (2025).

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

references in this Rule to Sections 102.03, 103.05, and 703.19 of the NYSE's Listed Company Manual are to those sections as in effect on January 31, 2005.”<sup>36</sup>

For purposes of this order, the following conditions must be satisfied:

(1) The issuer of the debt security has registered the offer and sale of such security under the Securities Act of 1933;

(2) The issuer of the debt security, or the issuer's parent company if the issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary,<sup>37</sup> has at least one class of common or preferred equity securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and listed on a national security exchange;

(3) The transfer agent of the debt security is registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act;<sup>38</sup>

(4) The trust indenture for the debt security is qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939;

(5) The NYSE has complied with the undertakings set forth below to distinguish between debt securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and listed on the NYSE and debt securities trading pursuant to this order; and

(6) The NYSE will delist a class of debt securities that was listed on the NYSE as of November 16, 2006 only if the issuer of that class of debt security does not object to the delisting of those securities.

With respect to item (2) above, the NYSE undertakes to monitor daily the delistings of equity securities of each issuer whose debt securities are listed for trading on NYSE Bonds or, if the issuer of the debt securities is a wholly-owned subsidiary, equity securities of the issuer's parent company.

With respect to the undertakings referred to in item (5) above, the NYSE will:

(a) Provide definitions of “listed” debt securities and “traded” debt securities on NYSE Bonds and on the NYSE's website;

(b) Identify on NYSE Bonds and on the NYSE's website whether a particular debt security is “listed” or “traded”;<sup>39</sup>

<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

<sup>37</sup> The terms “parent” and “wholly-owned” have the same meanings as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X [17 CFR 210.1-02].

<sup>38</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>39</sup> The NYSE will distinguish debt securities “listed” on NYSE Bonds from those “traded” on NYSE Bonds in the following manner: (1) the NYSE will uniquely identify “listed” and “traded” debt securities on the NYSE Bonds Bond Directory located on the NYSE's website; (2) the NYSE will also make such information available on the NYSE Bonds Security Master File on a daily basis through ICE Data Services (“IDS”); and (3) the NYSE will publish a Trader Update to notify members and

(c) Directly provide members and member organizations notification prior to the date that trading of the debt securities commences on NYSE Bonds to clarify the distinction between “listed” debt securities and “traded” debt securities and to provide notification that eligible debt securities will be traded on NYSE Bonds;

(d) Issue a press release upon approval of this exemption request stating that “listed” debt securities would trade alongside “traded” debt securities on NYSE Bonds; and

(e) Obtain corporate action information from IDS for debt securities covered by this request.

With respect to undertaking (e), IDS, an affiliate of the NYSE, is a bond issue tracking service that provides the NYSE a customized online reference for corporate actions relevant to bonds. The tracking system provides information and data electronically to the NYSE, and provides:

- Notification of calls (redemptions) of traded bonds,
- Notification of tender offers for traded bonds,
- Notice of defaults in payment of interest on traded bonds,
- Notice of consent solicitations for traded bonds, and
- Notice of corporate actions for traded bonds (includes tender offers, issuer name changes, and CUSIP number changes).

By the Commission.

**Vanessa A. Countryman,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Release No. 34-102493; File No. SR-PEARL-2025-06]**

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX PEARL, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the MIAX Pearl Options Fee Schedule To Adopt New Fee Categories for the Exchange's Proprietary Market Data Feeds

February 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 14, 2025, MIAX PEARL, LLC (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities

member organizations each time a debt security becomes available to trade on NYSE Bonds.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 amend the MIAX Pearl Options Exchange Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to, among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange's proprietary market data feeds the Top of Market (“ToM”) feed and the Liquidity Feed (“PLF”) feed (collectively, the “market data feeds”).<sup>5</sup>

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://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/pearl-options/rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file-number=SR-PEARL-2025-06>.

### 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.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> All references to the “Exchange” in this filing refer to MIAX Pearl Options. Any references to the equities trading facility of MIAX PEARL, LLC will specifically be referred to as “MIAX Pearl Equities.”

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulermaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-PEARL-2025-06](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulermaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-PEARL-2025-06)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-PEARL-2025-06 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-PEARL-2025-06. 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-rulermaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-PEARL-2025-06](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulermaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-PEARL-2025-06)). 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-PEARL-2025-06 and should be submitted on or before March 25, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0413]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17Ad-16

*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 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 17Ad-16 (17 CFR

Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of SRO.

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

240.17Ad-16) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-16 requires a registered transfer agent to provide written notice to the appropriate qualified registered securities depository when assuming or terminating transfer agent services on behalf of an issuer or when changing its name or address. In addition, transfer agents that provide such notice shall maintain such notice for a period of at least two years in an easily accessible place. This rule addresses the problem of certificate transfer delays caused by transfer requests that are directed to the wrong transfer agent or the wrong address.

We estimate that the transfer agent industry submits approximately 16,412 Rule 17Ad-16 notices to appropriate qualified registered securities depositories. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to create and submit each notice is approximately 15 minutes per notice. Accordingly, the estimated total industry burden is 4,103 hours per year (15 minutes multiplied by 16,412 notices filed annually).

Because the information needed by transfer agents to properly notify the appropriate registered securities depository is readily available to them and the report is simple and straightforward, the cost is relatively minimal. The average internal compliance cost to prepare and send a notice is approximately \$96 (15 minutes at \$385 per hour).<sup>1</sup> This yields an industry-wide internal compliance cost estimate of \$1,575,552 (16,412 notices multiplied by \$96 per notice).

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this 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

<sup>1</sup> Hourly compliance cost estimates for internal counsel time are derived from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013, modified by SEC staff to account for an 1,800-hour work-year and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits, and overhead.

(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 May 5, 2025.

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](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102494; File No. SR-EMERALD-2025-04]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Fee Schedule To Adopt New Fee Categories for the Exchange's Proprietary Market Data Feeds

February 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 14, 2025, MIAX Emerald, LLC ("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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

## I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Emerald Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to, among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange’s proprietary market data feeds: (1) the Top of Market (“ToM”) feed, (2) the Complex Top of Market feed (“cToM”), (3) the Administrative Information Subscriber feed (“AIS”), and (4) the MIAX Emerald Order Feed (“MOR”) (collectively, the “market data feeds”).

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://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/emerald-options/rule-filings> and on the Commission’s website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-04](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-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.<sup>5</sup> 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-EMERALD-2025-04](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-04)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-EMERALD-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-EMERALD-2025-04. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all

<sup>5</sup> 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.

comments on the Commission’s internet website ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-04](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-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-EMERALD-2025-04 and should be submitted on or before March 25, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Release No. 34-102492; File No. SR-MIAX-2025-05]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule To Adopt New Fee Categories for the Exchange’s Proprietary Market Data Feeds**

February 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 14, 2025, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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 amend the MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to, among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange’s proprietary market data feeds: (1) the Top of Market (“ToM”) feed, (2) the Complex Top of Market feed (“cToM”), (3) the Administrative Information Subscriber feed (“AIS”), and (4) the MIAX Order Feed (“MOR”) (collectively, the “market data feeds”).

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://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/miax-options/rule-filings> and on the Commission’s website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-MIAX-2025-05](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAX-2025-05).

## 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.<sup>5</sup> 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-MIAX-2025-05](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAX-2025-05)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-MIAX-2025-05 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-MIAX-2025-05. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently,

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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-MIAX-2025-05](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAX-2025-05)). 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-MIAX-2025-05 and should be submitted on or before March 25, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102495; File No. SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Sapphire, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule To Adopt New Fee Categories for the Exchange's Proprietary Market Data Feeds

February 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2025, MIAX Sapphire, LLC ("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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule to among other things, adopt new fee categories for the Exchange's proprietary market data feeds: (i) MIAX Sapphire Top of Market ("ToM") data feed; (ii) MIAX Sapphire Complex Top of Market ("cToM") data feed; and (iii) MIAX Sapphire Liquidity Feed ("SLF").

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://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/miax-sapphire/rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08).

#### 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.<sup>5</sup> 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-08](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08)). or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-08. To help the Commission process and review your comments

whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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-SAPPHIRE-2025-08](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-08)). 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-08 and should be submitted on or before March 25, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0687]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 239

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 239 (17 CFR 230.239) provides exemptions under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (U.S.C. 77aaa *et seq.*) for security-based swaps issued by certain clearing agencies satisfying certain conditions. The purpose of the information required by Rule 239 is to make certain information about security-based swaps that may be cleared by the registered or the exempt clearing agencies available to eligible contract participants and other market participants. We estimate that each registered or exempt clearing agency

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 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

issuing security-based swaps in its function as a central counterparty will spend approximately 2 hours each time it provides or update the information in its agreements relating to security-based swaps or on its website. We estimate that each registered or exempt clearing agency will provide or update the information approximately 20 times per year. In addition, we estimate that 75% of the 2 hours per response (1.5 hours) is prepared internally by the clearing agency for a total annual reporting burden of 180 hours (1.5 hours per response  $\times$  20 times  $\times$  6 respondents).

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.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this 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.

The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=202412-3235-016](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202412-3235-016) or send an email comment to [MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC\\_desk\\_officer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days of the day after publication of this notice by April 4, 2025.

Dated: February 26, 2025.

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0727]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rules 400–404 of Regulation Crowdfunding (Funding Portals)

*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 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the

Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in Rules 400–404 of Regulation Crowdfunding (17 CFR 227.400–227.404) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

The collections of information required under Rules 400 through 404 is mandatory for all funding portals. Form Funding Portal helps ensure that the Commission can make information about funding portals transparent and easily accessible to the investing public, including issuers and obligated persons who engage funding portals; investors who may purchase securities through offerings on funding portals; and other regulators. Further, the information provided on Form Funding Portal expands the amount of publicly available information about funding portals, including disciplinary history. Consequently, the rules and forms allow issuers and the investing public, as well as others, to become more fully informed about funding portals in a more efficient manner.

Rule 400 requires each person applying for registration with the Commission as a funding portal to file electronically with the Commission Form Funding Portal. Rule 400(a) requires a funding portal to become a member of a national securities association registered under Section 15A of the Exchange Act. Rule 400(b) requires a funding portal to file an amendment to Form Funding Portal if any information previously submitted on Form Funding Portal becomes inaccurate for any reason. Rule 400(c) provides that a funding portal can succeed to the business of a predecessor funding portal upon the successor filing a registration on Form Funding Portal and the predecessor filing a withdrawal on Form Funding Portal.

Rule 400(d) requires a funding portal to promptly file a withdrawal of registration on Form Funding Portal upon ceasing to operate as a funding portal. Rule 400(e) states that duplicate originals of the applications and reports provided for in this section must be filed with surveillance personnel designated by any registered national securities association of which the funding portal is a member. Rule 400(f) requires a nonresident funding portal to: (1) obtain a written consent and power of attorney appointing an agent for service of process in the United States; (2) furnish the Commission with the

name and address of its agent for services of process on Schedule C of Form Funding Portal; (3) certify that it can, as a matter of law, and will provide the Commission and any registered national securities association of which it becomes a member with prompt access to its books and records and can, as a matter of law, and will submit to onsite inspection and examination by the Commission and any registered national securities association of which it becomes a member; and (4) provide the Commission with an opinion of counsel and certify on Schedule C on Form Funding Portal that the firm can, as a matter of law, provide the Commission and registered national securities association of which it becomes a member with prompt access to its books and records and can, as a matter of law, submit to onsite inspection and examination by the Commission and any registered national securities association of which it becomes a member.<sup>1</sup>

Rule 403(a) requires a funding portal to implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder relating to its business as a funding portal. Rule 403(b) provides that a funding portal must comply with privacy rules. Rule 404 requires all registered funding portals to maintain certain books and records relating to their funding portal activities, for not less than five years, the first two in an easily accessible place. Rule 404(e) requires funding portals to furnish promptly to the Commission, its representatives, and the registered national securities association of which the funding portal is a member true, correct, complete and current copies of such records of the funding portal that are requested by the representatives of the Commission and the registered national securities association.

The Commission staff estimates that the total annual industry time burden to comply with Rules 400–404 is approximately 36,315 hours per year. The Commission staff estimates that the total annual industry cost burden to comply with Rules 400–404 is approximately \$618,293 per year.

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.

<sup>1</sup> Exchange Act Section 3(h)(1)(C) permits us to impose, as part of our authority to exempt funding portals from broker registration, "such other requirements under [the Exchange Act] as the Commission determines appropriate."

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this 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 May 5, 2025.

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: February 26, 2025.

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**[Disaster Declaration #20977 and #20978; KENTUCKY Disaster Number KY-20013]**

### Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Kentucky

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Kentucky (FEMA-4860-DR), dated February 24, 2025.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

**DATES:** Issued on February 25, 2025.

*Incident Period:* February 14, 2025 and continuing.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* April 25, 2025.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* November 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small

Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Kentucky, dated February 24, 2025, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Floyd.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):* Remain unchanged as issued in the original declaration of February 24, 2025.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Stallings,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### New Caledonia Gas Plant Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has decided to adopt the Preferred Alternative identified in its Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS; Document ID EISX-455-00-000-1734008442) for the construction of the New Caledonia Gas (NCG) Plant. TVA's Preferred Alternative, Alternative B, involves the construction and operation of an approximately 500 megawatts (MW), dual fuel, simple cycle, frame combustion turbine (CT) facility on the NCG Plant property.

Alternative B will achieve the purpose and need to support continued load growth within TVA's seven-state service territory in a way that is consistent with the recommendations in the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The CTs are needed to provide dispatchable generation capacity to ensure that TVA can reliably meet required year-round generation, maximum capacity system demands, planning reserve margin targets, and comply with a primary objective under the TVA Act that power be sold at rates as low as feasible. The addition of CT units to the fleet supports meeting the growing demand for electricity and enhances system flexibility to integrate distributed resources and renewables such as solar generation. As the amount of solar generation in the TVA

generation portfolio continues to increase, flexibility of the remainder of the fleet becomes even more important.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erica McLamb, NEPA Compliance Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402; telephone 423-751-8022; email [esmclamb@tva.gov](mailto:esmclamb@tva.gov). The Final EIS, this Record of Decision, and other project documents are available on TVA's website at <https://www.tva.gov/nepa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S. Code [U.S.C.] 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)'s regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500 through 1508, as updated April 20, 2022), and TVA's NEPA procedures (18 CFR 1318). On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued executive orders that (1) directed the Council on Environmental Quality to "provide guidance on implementing NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and propose rescinding CEQ's NEPA regulations found at 40 CFR 1500 *et seq.*;" and (2) revoked all executive orders on environmental justice. These revoked E.O.s will no longer inform TVA's environmental analysis in NEPA documents. Although TVA anticipates receiving further guidance from CEQ, the Final Environmental Impact Statement and this Record of Decision were prepared pursuant to CEQ regulations at the time of preparation.

TVA is a corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States that provides electricity for 153 local power companies (LPC) serving approximately 10 million people as well as directly serving commercial, industrial, and government customers in the Tennessee Valley—an 80,000-square-mile region comprised of Tennessee and parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky.

### Planning Basis and Assumptions

In 2019, TVA completed its IRP and associated IRP EIS. The 2019 IRP identified various energy resource options that TVA may pursue to meet the energy needs of the Tennessee Valley region over a 20-year planning period. The Preferred Alternative aligns with the 2019 IRP. The strategic direction established by the 2019 IRP and results from recommended near-term actions formed the basis for TVA's asset strategy, which continues to support affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy for customers. The 2019 IRP

recommendation optimizes TVA's ability to create a more flexible power-generation system that can successfully meet changing load demands and integrate increasing amounts of renewable energy sources while ensuring reliability. TVA's target power supply mix includes firm, dispatchable power, which refers to a generating resource that can adjust power output up or down on demand within the specific operating limitations of that resource, thus increasing system reliability and resiliency. CT units can be operated year-round to meet the fluctuating demand on the power system, including overnight, during cold pre-dawn winter mornings, and during warm summer evenings as solar generation fades. In September 2024, TVA released a new Draft IRP for public review and comment. The 2019 IRP remains valid and guides future generation planning until TVA's 2025 IRP is issued as Final and the TVA Board of Directors has approved the recommendations therein.

The role and contribution to system-wide generating capacity by various technologies/generating sources, including natural gas, is likely to change over time or be replaced by newer technologies. The inclusion of dispatchable power generation from natural gas-fired CTs effectively enables system-wide integration of solar while providing critical transmission-related benefits to ensure reliability, resiliency, and power quality. TVA has existing solar capacity commitments of nearly 3,200 MW and plans to add up to 10,000 MW of solar by 2035. TVA is continuing to expand its solar and carbon-free commitments through procurement methods such as requests for proposals and opportunities at existing TVA sites. Additionally, TVA continues to work with long-term LPCs customers to deploy additional generation onto the system, including solar, through the Flexibility option under TVA's Long-Term Agreement with each individual LPC customer. The recommended construction and operation of the approximately 500-MW simple cycle frame CT facility at the NCG Site is one piece of TVA's overall asset strategy.

TVA prepared a Final EIS pursuant to NEPA to assess the environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating the NCG Plant on the previous generating facility site, utilizing existing natural gas and transmission infrastructure, to meet system-wide generation demands. The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the New Caledonia Gas Plant Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 10, 2025.

### Alternatives Considered

TVA assessed two alternatives: Alternative A—No Action, and Alternative B—Construction and Operation of a simple cycle frame CT facility. Alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed evaluation are summarized in Table 2.1–1 of the Final EIS.

#### *Alternative A: No Action*

*Alternative*—Under the No Action Alternative, TVA would not construct a simple cycle frame CT facility at the NCG Site. TVA would not make related upgrades to the transmission system to interconnect the generation, and actions related to upgrading the natural gas pipeline interconnection would not be completed. TVA would be required to obtain capacity from other sources to maintain reserves, if possible. Without peaking power available when needed, TVA would purchase the cheapest available market power, a portion of which would likely be natural gas. Purchased power is generally less cost-effective than using TVA generation sources. Relying on purchased power could potentially adversely affect TVA's ability to meet required year-round generation, maximum capacity system demands, and planning reserve target margins should market power be limited or unavailable. This alternative does not meet the purpose and need of TVA's Proposed Action; however, it is included in this evaluation as it represents current baseline conditions against which the proposed action alternative is compared.

*Alternative B: Construction and Operation of a simple cycle frame CT facility*—Alternative B is the construction and operation of an approximately 500 MW dual fuel CT facility on federally-owned property managed by TVA in Lowndes County, Mississippi, approximately 10 miles northeast of Columbus. The project area includes the entire 63-acre NCG Site as well as the adjacent 82-acre Lowndes County 500-kilovolt (kV) Substation Site and totals approximately 145 acres. The NCG Site is a former CT facility, originally constructed in 1998 and operated for several years by a private company. The company dismantled the site in 2007, removing the existing six frame CTs. The adjacent TVA Lowndes County 500-kV Substation has remained in-service. The existing six turbine/generator foundations, three 500-kV generator step-up, 500-kV Transmission Line superstructure, gas metering equipment, water tanks, and office building were abandoned in their current locations, but are scheduled to be demolished and removed in early

2025 as part of a separate Strategic Real Estate Reduction effort. Much of the property is fenced and graveled, with the remaining portions undeveloped and largely composed of early succession forest, particularly in areas with steep slopes, while the flatter portions of the property are largely fallow field.

Additionally, the proposed NCG Site would include plant equipment and systems, such as natural gas metering and handling systems, instrumentation and control systems, transformers, and administration and warehouse/maintenance buildings. The NCG Plant would use an existing gas line currently located at the site. The existing interconnection and existing ancillary infrastructure (e.g., taps, meter station, pressure regulation equipment, etc.) would need to be replaced; however, construction of a new gas pipeline is not required.

Alternative B would meet TVA's project purpose and need to support continued load growth within the Tennessee Valley in a way that is consistent with the recommendations in the 2019 IRP and to meet the demand for electricity while facilitating the integration of renewables onto the electric grid.

### Preferred Alternative

TVA identified Alternative B as the Preferred Alternative in both the Draft and Final EISs because it is the best overall solution to provide low-cost, reliable energy to TVA's power system and would facilitate integration of renewable energy resources into the TVA power system. Additionally, the use of the existing, previously disturbed property and natural gas infrastructure would minimize potential environmental impacts. Alternative B aligns with the 2019 IRP generation target power supply mix, which includes the addition of up to 8,600 MW of CT by 2038.

### Summary of Environmental Effects

The anticipated environmental impacts of the No Action Alternative and the Preferred Alternative are described in detail in the Final EIS and summarized in Table 2.2–1, and this section summarizes the actions and impacts that would occur under the various alternatives.

#### *Alternative A: No Action*

*Alternative*—Under the No Action Alternative, TVA would not construct a simple cycle frame CT facility at the NCG Site or make related upgrades to the transmission system to interconnect the generation. Actions related to upgrading the natural gas pipeline

interconnection would not be completed. The No Action Alternative would avoid the impacts of constructing and operating a new generating facility at the NCG site; therefore, TVA identifies this as the environmentally preferable alternative. However, TVA would be required to obtain capacity from other sources to maintain reserves, if possible. Without peaking power available when needed, TVA would purchase the power from the cheapest market source, a portion of which would likely be natural gas. Relying on purchased power from a market source could potentially result in adverse impacts to TVA generation system reliability and increased costs to customers. Incorporation of renewable energy sources would be limited without the addition of the reliable dispatchable generation.

*Alternative B Construction and Operation of a simple cycle frame CT facility*—TVA's actions during construction under Alternative B would have no impacts on the following resources: Floodplains, Public Health and Safety, Wetlands, Parks and Recreational areas, Groundwater Quantity and Quality, Cultural and Historic Resources.

Construction of the site would have a minor and temporary effect on the following resources: Air Quality, Geology, Soils, and Prime Farmland, Surface Water Quality and Quantity, Vegetation, Aquatic Ecology, Natural Areas, Threatened and Endangered Species, Transportation, and Solid and Hazardous Waste. Minor, long-term effects anticipated are Climate Change, GHG, Land Use, Wildlife, Visual Resources, and Noise.

TVA actions under Alternative B would have a beneficial effect on the following resources: socioeconomic and environmental justice and utilities. Overall, the added dispatchable generation capacity as a result of Alternative B would have potential long-term beneficial impacts by helping to ensure that TVA can reliably meet required year-round generation, maximum capacity system demands, and planning reserve margin targets while facilitating the integration of renewable energy onto the electric grid. Additionally, a temporary increase in employment during construction activities will also occur, which may increase beneficial impacts on socioeconomic resources.

Alternative B would advance TVA's Strategic Intent and Guiding Principles to execute a long-term carbon reduction plan. Pursuant to guidance in effect at the time the EIS was prepared, TVA completed an analysis of GHG

emissions and Social Cost of GHG (SC-GHG) directly attributable to Alternative B's construction and operation using methods consistent with guidance from the Council on Environmental Quality. Alternative B will result in an increase to TVA's system-wide GHG emissions; however, this increase is expected to be temporal. By providing flexible, dispatchable generation that would enable the integration of renewable generation into the system, the proposed project is expected to facilitate a long-term reduction in GHG emissions in alignment with the 2019 IRP. The eventual net reduction in GHG emissions would put downward pressure on the rate of climate change when the proposed project is paired with the installation of renewable energy. However, TVA acknowledges that any future net reductions would be dependent on installation of renewable energy as separate future projects.

To fulfill its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), TVA consulted with the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and federally recognized Indian tribes regarding potential project-related effects to cultural resources from TVA's actions under Alternative B. Based on prior surveys and consultation, there are no above-ground historic properties in the cultural resources area of potential effect (APE), and one potentially significant archaeological site is present. To further assess the potential National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of the site, TVA completed additional investigations following consultation with the SHPO and the tribes concerning the proposed research design and determined that the site should be considered eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. Furthermore, TVA determined the portion of the site north of the established gravel access road, and the road itself, are non-contributing portions to the site's NRHP eligibility. The continued use of the existing road and any ground-disturbing actions north of the gravel road would have no adverse effects on the site. TVA submitted a report of its findings to the SHPO and the tribes regarding this determination; the SHPO provided concurrence on August 30, 2024, while none of the consulted tribes objected or identified additional resources of concern in the APE. TVA and SHPO have agreed that the project as currently designed will avoid any adverse effects on the NRHP-eligible archaeological site located in the NCG boundary; therefore, TVA has no further obligation to consider potential effects on the site and

no further compliance obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA. As such, Alternative B would have no impact on historic properties.

While the No Action Alternative would avoid the impacts of constructing and operating a new approximately 500-MW simple cycle frame CT, TVA would be required to obtain capacity from other sources, and relying on purchased power could potentially adversely affect TVA's ability to meet required year-round generation, maximum capacity system demands, and planning reserve target margins should market power be limited or unavailable.

When comparing the environmental impacts of the two alternatives, the No Action Alternative would have fewer environmental impacts in terms of immediate results; however, under the No Action Alternative, TVA would be required to obtain capacity from other sources to maintain reserves, if other sources are actually available. Without peaking power available when needed, TVA would purchase the power from the cheapest market source, a portion of which would likely be natural gas. Alternative A could result in adverse impacts to power availability if purchased power is not available or sufficient to meet demand, resulting in adverse impacts to TVA generation system reliability and increased costs to customers. Additionally, incorporation of renewable energy sources would be limited without the addition of the reliable dispatchable generation.

## Public Involvement

TVA initiated a 30-day public scoping period on November 28, 2023, when it published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** announcing the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or EIS (88 FR 83202, November 28, 2023). TVA also announced the project and requested public input in news releases; on its website; in notices printed in relevant area newspapers and news websites; and in letters to federal, state, and local agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes. TVA held a public scoping meeting on January 28, 2024. During the scoping period, TVA received 30 submissions from members of the public, federal agencies, and various organizations totaling 1,027 unique comments. This included sixteen submissions from the General Public, one submission from a federal agency, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and thirteen submissions from the following organizations: Appalachian Voices, Center for Biological Diversity, GS

Research LLC, Gulf Coast for a Sustainable Future, Hop, Legacy Village Inc, Mississippi Rising Coalition (2 submissions), Robbins Properties, Sierra Club, Solar Energy Industries Association, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Southern Environmental Law Center.

The NOA of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2024, initiating a 45-day public comment period that ended on September 4, 2024 (89 FR 58733, July 19, 2024). The availability of the Draft EIS and request for comments were announced on the TVA website; in regional and local newspapers; in a news release; and in letters to local, state, and federal agencies and federally recognized tribes. TVA held a public meeting for the Draft EIS on August 15, 2024, at the Caledonia Community Center in Columbus, Mississippi.

TVA received nine submissions totaling 100 unique comments on the Draft EIS. Substantive comments are addressed in Appendix A of the Final EIS.

Following the publication of the NOA for the Final EIS in January 2025, TVA received no additional public or agency comments.

#### Decision

TVA has considered all the alternatives, information, analyses, material in the record determined to be relevant, and comments submitted by Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments and public commenters for consideration in developing the Final EIS.

TVA has decided to implement the Preferred Alternative identified in the Final EIS. Under this alternative, TVA would construct the simple cycle frame CT at the NCG site, which would be capable of generating approximately 500 MW. The addition of CT units to the fleet aligns with the 2019 IRP recommendation to enhance system flexibility and TVA's May 2021 Strategic Intent and Guiding Principles.

#### Mitigation Measures

TVA would employ standard practices, routine measures, and other project-specific measures to avoid and minimize effects to resources from the

implementation of Alternative B. TVA would also implement minimization and mitigation measures based on BMPs, permit requirements, and adherence to erosion and sediment control plans to minimize erosion during construction, operation, and maintenance activities. The BMPs are described in TVA's A Guide for Environmental Protection and BMPs for TVA Construction and Maintenance Activities—Revision 4.

For those activities with potential to affect bats, TVA committed to implementing conservation measures established through TVA's programmatic consultation on routine actions with potential to affect federally listed bats that was completed in April 2018 and updated May 2023 and November 2024 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. In areas requiring tree removal, clearing activities would be limited to winter periods (October 1–March 14) to minimize impacts to wildlife and protected species. Unavoidable impacts to potential suitable summer roosting habitat for the proposed endangered tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*) and endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) would be addressed using TVA's programmatic consultation. The conservation measures required for this project are identified in Appendix C of the Final EIS, and they would be implemented as part of the proposed project. Winter tree removal and conservation measures implemented through TVA's bat programmatic consultation would also minimize unavoidable impacts to summer roosting habitat for the Indiana bat and tricolored bat.

To minimize potential impacts to transportation, a transportation study would be conducted to determine the routes used for delivery of construction equipment and project materials. Roads used to access the project area would be surveyed to determine the existing conditions prior to construction. Finally, based on the results of the transportation study and road survey, a traffic impact analysis would be performed if necessary to address potential roadway impacts.

Authority: 40 CFR 1505.2.

Dated: February 13, 2025.

**Jeff Lyash,**

*President & Chief Executive Officer.*

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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 these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** This action was issued on February 26, 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 February 26, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

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**Entities**

1. DDC DEVELOP INDUSTRY HONG KONG LIMITED, Rm 4, 16/F, Ho King Comm. Ctr., 2-16 Fa Yuen St., Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 04 Oct 2019; Company Number 2879836 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 71234020 (Hong Kong) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISATIS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of Executive Order 13382 of June 28, 2005, "Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporters," 70 FR 38567, 3 CFR, 2005 Comp., p. 170 (E.O. 13382), for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISATIS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

2. DINGTAI INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CO LIMITED (Chinese Traditional: 鼎泰實業科技有限公司), Room 1502, Easey Commercial Building, 253-261 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 11 Oct 2017; Company Number 2590461 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 68310851 (Hong Kong) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

3. HONG KONG TIANLE INTERNATIONAL CO LIMITED (Chinese Traditional: 香港天樂國際有限公司), Hong Kong, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 27 Dec 2019; Company Number 2906297 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 71502619 (Hong Kong) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

4. JP ORIENTAL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, Rm 912 9/F Hunghom Coml Ctr Blk B, Hunghom, Hong Kong, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 11 Nov 2002; Company Number 0821175 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 33802039 (Hong Kong) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISATIS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISATIS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

5. SHENZHEN ZHIYU INTERNATIONAL TRADE CO LTD, 102, No. 8, Dongsi Alley, Xinhe Community, Fuhai Sub-District, Baoan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong 518000, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 22 Apr 2024; Unified Social Credit Code (USCC) 91440300MADHXGM776 (China) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISTASIS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, NARIN SEPEHR MOBIN ISTASIS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

6. YONGHONG TRADE LIMITED (Chinese Traditional: 永宏安貿易有限公司), Room 511, 5/F, Ming Sang Ind Bldg, 19-21 Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Unit 1, 2/F, Yau Tak Building, 167 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, China; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Organization Established Date 08 Dec 2022; Company Number 3216131 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 74682749 (Hong Kong) [NPWMD] [IFSR] (Linked To: PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii) of E.O. 13382 for having provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological or other support for, or goods or services in support of, PISHTAZAN KAVOSH GOSTAR BOSHRA, LLC, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13382.

**Lisa M. Palluconi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project**

**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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the election involving the repeal of the bonding requirement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 5, 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](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include OMB control number 1545-2120 or Election Involving the Repeal of the Bonding Requirement, in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedures should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Election Involving the Repeal of the Bonding Requirement and Notification of Increase of Tax under § 42(j)(6).

**OMB Number:** 1545-2120.

**Revenue Procedure Numbers:** 2008-60; 2012-27.

**Abstract:** This revenue procedure affects taxpayers who are maintaining a surety bond or a Treasury Direct Account (TDA) to satisfy the low-income housing tax credit recapture exception in § 42(j)(6) of the Internal

Revenue Code, as in effect on or before July 30, 2008. This revenue procedure provides the procedures for taxpayers to follow when making the election under section 3004(i)(2)(B)(ii) of the Housing Assistance Tax Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-289) to no longer maintain a surety bond or a TDA to avoid recapture.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households, Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 7,810.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 7,810.

The following paragraph applies to all 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 if 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: February 26, 2025.

**Kerry L. Dennis,**  
Tax Analyst.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Agency Collection Activities; Comment Request for Guidance Necessary To Facilitate Business Election Filing

**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 the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning guidance necessary to facilitate business electronic filing under section 1561, guidance necessary to facilitate business electronic filing and reduction, guidance necessary to facilitate business election filing; finalization of controlled group qualification rules, and limitations on the importation of net built-in Losses.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 5, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andrés Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [pra.comments@irs.gov](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Please include, "OMB Number: 1545-2019, TD 9451—Guidance Necessary To Facilitate Business Election Filing; Finalization of Controlled Group Qualification Rules, TD 9759—Limitations on the Importation of Net Built-In Losses, Public Comment Request Notice" in the Subject line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, (202) 317-6009, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** T.D. 9304—Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing Under Section 1561, T. D. 9329—Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing and Burden Reduction, T.D. 9451—Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Election Filing; Finalization of Controlled Group Qualification Rules and T.D. 9759—Limitations on the Importation of Net Built-In Losses.

**OMB Number:** 1545-2019.

**Regulation Project Numbers:** TD 9304 (REG-161919-05), TD 9329 (REG-134317-05), TD 9451 (REG-161919-05) and TD 9759 (REG-161948-05).

**Abstract:** TD 9304, regulations provide guidance to taxpayers regarding how to allocate the amounts of tax benefit items under section 1561(a) amongst the component members of a controlled group of corporations which have an apportionment plan in effect. TD 9329, contains final regulations that simplify, clarify, or eliminate reporting burdens and also eliminate regulatory impediments to the electronic filing of certain statements that taxpayers are required to include on or with their Federal income tax returns. TD 9451, provides guidance to taxpayers for determining which corporations are included in a controlled group of corporations. TD 9759, provide guidance for preventing the importation of loss when a corporation that is subject to U.S. income tax acquires loss property tax-free in certain transactions and the loss in the acquired property accrued outside the U.S. tax system by requiring the bases of the assets received to be equal to value.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes to these existing regulations.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 225,000.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 1 hr., 40 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 375,000.

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: February 25, 2025.

**Molly J. Stasko,**  
Senior Tax Analyst.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Agency Collection Activities; Requesting Comments on Section 6708, Failure To Maintain List of Advisees With Respect to Reportable Transactions**

**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 the collection of information in Treasury Decision (TD) 9764, Section 6708 Failure to Maintain List of Advisees with Respect to Reportable Transactions.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 5, 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](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include OMB Control No. 1545–2245 in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to Jason Schoonmaker, (801) 620–2128, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [jason.m.schoonmaker@irs.gov](mailto:jason.m.schoonmaker@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

**Title:** Section 6708, Failure to Maintain List of Advisees with Respect to Reportable Transactions.

**OMB Number:** 1545–2245.

**Regulation Project Number:** TD 9764.

**Abstract:** This document contains final regulations relating to the penalty under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6708 for failing to make available lists of advisees with respect to reportable transactions. IRC section 6708 imposes a penalty upon material advisors for failing to make available to the Secretary, upon written request, the list required to be maintained by IRC

section 6112 within 20 business days after the date of such request. Treasury Regulations section 301.6708–1(c)(3)(ii) requires a material advisor requesting an extension of the 20-business-day period to provide certain information to the IRS to grant the extension. The final regulations primarily affect individuals and entities who are material advisors, as defined in IRC section 6111. These burden estimates are only for individual filers, and trust and estate filers. The burden estimates for other filers are covered under OMB control number 1545–0123 for business filers.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to the existing collection.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals, Estates, and Trusts.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 5.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 8 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 40 hours.

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;
- (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: February 27, 2025.

**Jason M. Schoonmaker,**  
Tax Analyst.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for the Coverdell ESA Contribution Information**

**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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collection requirements related to Coverdell ESA contribution information limitations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 5, 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](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include OMB control number 1545–1815 or Coverdell ESA Contribution Information, in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317–5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** **Title:** Coverdell ESA Contribution Information.

**OMB Number:** 1545–1815.

**Form Number:** 5498–ESA.

**Abstract:** Form 5498–ESA is used by trustees or issuers of Coverdell Education Savings accounts to report contributions and rollovers to these accounts to beneficiaries.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to the form, however the burden for Form 5498–ESA has decreased due to recent estimates based on the number of taxpayers filing the form.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organization.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 111,200.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 13,344.

The following paragraph applies to all 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 if 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: February 19, 2025.

**Kerry L. Dennis,**

*Tax Analyst.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott**

In accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

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Kuwait

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Libya

Qatar

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Syria

Yemen

**Lindsay Kitzinger,**

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