

Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The Secretary of Labor (Secretary) has unique responsibilities for the H-2A temporary agricultural labor program under the INA as delegated to OFLC through ETA, for review of the *Application for Temporary Employment Certification* for certification where employers meet the requirements of 20 CFR part 655 subpart B, and, after certification, for the collection of a certification fee associated with H-2A temporary agricultural labor certifications. Specifically, under Section 218(a)(2) of the INA, “the Secretary of Labor may require by regulation, as a condition of issuing the certification, the payment of a fee to recover the reasonable costs of processing applications for certification.” The Department’s regulations at 20 CFR part 655 subpart B required the certification fee collection in 1987.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to the Department’s current H-2A regulations, where OFLC grants H-2A temporary agricultural labor certification for an *Application for Temporary Employment Certification*, the employer is required under 20 CFR 655.163 to remit payment of the H-2A certification fee within 30 calendar days. For each H-2A temporary labor certification, the fee is \$100.00 for each employer receiving a temporary agricultural labor certification, plus \$10.00 for each H-2A worker certified under the *Application for Temporary Employment Certification*, provided that the fee to an employer for each temporary agricultural labor certification received will be no greater than \$1,000. See 20 CFR 655.163(a).

Also under 20 CFR 655.163, the certification determination includes a bill for the required certification fees. Each employer of H-2A workers under the *Application for Temporary Employment Certification* (except joint employer agricultural associations, which may not be assessed a fee in addition to the fees assessed to the employer-members of the agricultural association) must pay in a timely manner a non-refundable fee upon issuance of the certification granting the *Application for Temporary Employment Certification* (in whole or in part). Where OFLC certifies an H-2A *Application for Temporary Employment Certification*, in whole or in part, OFLC issues an invoice to the employer(s) for payment of the H-2A certification fee and payment must be received within 30 calendar days of certification.

OFLC’s innovative technology allows for the electronic filing and processing of employer applications using the Foreign Labor Application Gateway (FLAG) System (<https://flag.dol.gov/>), as well as the issuance of electronic decisions to employers and communications directly with employers and their authorized attorneys and agents, as applicable, throughout the application process. Currently, however, H-2A labor certification fees are not collected electronically. Rather employers must mail payments to OFLC by check or money order. OFLC must then manually process payments and work with the Department to deposit payments with the U.S. Treasury.

On March 25, 2025, President Trump issued E.O. 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account* (90 FR 14001).<sup>2</sup> The E.O. 14247 “promotes operational efficiency by mandating the transition to electronic payments for all Federal disbursements and receipts by digitizing payments to the extent permissible under applicable law . . .” and requires the U.S. Department of the Treasury to “cease issuing paper checks” by September 30, 2025. It further requires all executive departments and agencies to “comply by transitioning to electronic funds transfer [EFT] methods, including direct deposit, prepaid card accounts, and other digital payment options, and take all steps necessary to enroll recipients in EFT payments . . .” The directives included in E.O. 14247 were given to executive agencies, to transition to EFT methods and other digital payment options for payments made to the Federal Government to facilitate electronic processing, as permissible and as soon as practicable.

Accordingly, to advance President Trump’s directives in E.O. 14247 and to build upon the Department’s ongoing technological efficiency initiatives, OFLC is temporarily suspending the collection of H-2A certification fees under 20 CFR 655.163 to allow for coordination with the U.S. Department of the Treasury for receipt of electronic payments, perform technology updates to the FLAG System, and to further plan for electronic remittance and acceptance of H-2A certification fees. This transition from mailed checks and money orders to electronic receipt of H-2A certification fees will result in a more efficient and less burdensome process for both the government and

American employers who rely on the H-2A visa program. Further details of electronic payment methods, remittance, and the date on which OFLC will resume acceptance of H-2A certification fees will be provided in future **Federal Register** notices.

### **Temporary Suspension of H-2A Certification Fees**

As of September 2, 2025, the Department is temporarily suspending the issuance of invoices for certification fees for H-2A certifications until further notice is provided in the **Federal Register**. For applications that are certified on or after September 2, 2025, and during this temporary suspension period, OFLC will not require or retroactively seek fee payments for those certified H-2A *Applications for Temporary Employment Certification*. The Department is delaying implementation of the temporary suspension period for 30 days to make necessary technology changes and to allow collection of outstanding invoices prior to implementation of the suspension of issuing invoices. Any employer that is issued an H-2A certification fee invoice prior to the suspension of collections must pay the invoice by the deadline in the invoice. Once the Department is ready to implement the electronic payment methods, it will inform the public by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register**. Employers will resume the submission of H-2A certification fees in accordance with the dates and details that will be specified in that announcement.

**Susan Frazier,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities**

#### **Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities will

<sup>1</sup> See 52 FR 20507 (Jun 1, 1987); 75 FR 6884 (Feb 12, 2010); 87 FR 61660 (Oct 12, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See E.O.14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account* (2025) at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/modernizing-payments-to-and-from-americas-bank-account/>.

hold a meeting of the Arts and Artifacts Domestic Indemnity Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until adjourned.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by videoconference originating at the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Voyatzis, Committee Management Officer, 400 7th Street SW, Room 4060, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-8322; *evoyatzis@neh.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is for panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for Certificates of Indemnity submitted to the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, for exhibitions beginning on or after October 1, 2025. Because the meeting will consider proprietary financial and commercial data provided in confidence by indemnity applicants, and material that is likely to disclose trade secrets or other privileged or confidential information, and because it is important to keep the values of objects to be indemnified and the methods of transportation and security measures confidential, I have determined that that the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings, dated April 15, 2016.

Dated: July 29, 2025.

**Kimberly Hylan,**

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2024-483; K2025-142; K2025-495; MC2025-1589 and K2025-1581; MC2025-1592 and K2025-1584]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* August 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.<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). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. 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

<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).

consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)-(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

#### II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* CP2024-483; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 196, with Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* July 28, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due:* August 5, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s):* K2025-142; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 522, with Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* July 28, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due:* August 5, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s):* K2025-495; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 792, with Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* July 28, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Elsie Lee-Robbins; *Comments Due:* August 5, 2025.

4. *Docket No(s):* MC2025-1589 and K2025-1581; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International