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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2024–445; CP2024–456; K2025–849; MC2026–1 and K2026–1; MC2026–2 and K2026–2; MC2026–3 and K2026–3; MC2026–4 and K2026–4]

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:* October 9, 2025.

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

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

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I. Introduction

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

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). 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 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

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

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).*: CP2024–445; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 169, with Material Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due:* October 9, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s).*: CP2024–456; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 178, with Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due:* October 9, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s).*: K2025–849; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1080, with Materials Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due:* October 9, 2025.

4. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–1 and K2026–1; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1428 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* October 9, 2025.

5. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–2 and K2026–2; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 935 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Jennaca Upperman; *Comments Due:* October 9, 2025.

6. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026–3 and K2026–3; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to

Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1429 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Gregory Stanton; *Comments Due*: October 9, 2025.

7. *Docket No(s)*: MC2026-4 and K2026-4; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 936 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 1, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Gregory Stanton; *Comments Due*: October 9, 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

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: Operations Committee of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service.

The Committee will consider the below matters.

1. Administrative Matters.
2. Operational Matters.

General Counsel Certification: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting may be closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lucy C. Trout, Secretary of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone: (202) 268-4800.

Lucy C. Trout,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Emergency Order No. 34, Notice No. 1; Docket No. FRA-2025-0885]

Emergency Order Establishing Additional Requirements for Ensuring the Safe Operation of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Passenger Trains

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation has determined that public safety compels the issuance of an Emergency Order (Order) requiring the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to take immediate action in accordance with this Order to abate the risk of fires and other thermal incidents, and resulting smoke and emergency situations, on SEPTA passenger trains, notably trains comprised of Silverliner IV electric multiple-unit locomotives (Silverliner IV EMUs). This Order establishes additional requirements that SEPTA must meet to continue the safe operation of its passenger trains and, specifically, Silverliner IV EMUs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Fairbanks, Staff Director, Motive Power & Equipment Division, FRA, telephone: (202) 230-9594, email: gary.fairbanks@dot.gov; or Elliott Gillooly, Attorney Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, at (202) 897-8666, email: elliott.gillooly@dot.gov; or Michael Masci, Attorney Adviser, Office of the Chief Counsel, telephone: (202) 302-7177, email: michael.masci@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

SEPTA provides commuter passenger railroad service in five counties located in the southeastern portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its system extends south of Wilmington, Delaware, and Trenton, New Jersey, and serves a population of over 3.7 million people. SEPTA operates 13 commuter rail lines, covering approximately 300 route miles (and approximately 450 track miles) over rights-of-way owned by SEPTA, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), and CSX Transportation, Inc. In addition to sharing the railroad right-of-way with freight and other passenger trains, SEPTA's commuter trains operate in tunnels and over viaducts and bridges. All of SEPTA's commuter trains are electrified, typically made up of EMU equipment, and draw electrical current from an overhead catenary system.

In 2025, there have been five instances of Silverliner IV EMUs in

commuter service on SEPTA's system catching fire or otherwise experiencing an emergency situation from a thermal event such as an electrical component overheating and associated smoke. Year to date, these incidents occurred as follows:

- *February 6, 2025*: Car #132 caught fire as it departed Crum Lynne Station in a southbound train on the Wilmington/Newark Line, resulting in the evacuation of the train's approximately 325 passengers directly onto the ballasted right-of-way and the total loss of the car.
- *June 3, 2025*: Car #442 was found to be emitting smoke from its roof at Levittown Station, while operating in a westbound train on the Trenton Line, resulting in the train's evacuation at the station.
- *July 22, 2025*: Car #114 caught fire at Paoli Station, while operating in an eastbound train on the Paoli/Thorndale Line, resulting in the total loss of the car and the train's evacuation at the station. One crewmember and one firefighter were injured.
- *September 23, 2025*: Car #442 experienced a thermal event in the vicinity of Fort Washington Station, while operating in a train on the Lansdown/Doylestown Line, resulting in the train's evacuation at the station. This was the same car involved in the incident on June 3, 2025, and involved the same cause, discussed further below.
- *September 25, 2025*: Car #396 experienced a thermal event in the vicinity of Gravers Station, while operating in a train on the Chestnut Hill East Line, resulting in the train's evacuation at the station.

As provided below, FRA has determined that public safety compels the issuance of this Order requiring SEPTA to take certain immediate actions to abate the risk of additional fires and other thermal incidents and implement steps to ensure the safe operation of its passenger trains consistent with Federal railroad safety requirements, namely 49 U.S.C. ch. 207 and 49 CFR parts 229 and 238. This Order does not require SEPTA to discontinue operation of Silverline IV EMUs at this time, except to the extent cars shall be removed from service in order to comply with the emergency mechanical inspection required by this Order.

Authority

Authority to enforce Federal railroad safety laws has been delegated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to the Administrator of FRA, 49 U.S.C. 103; 49 CFR 1.89(e). Railroads

are subject to FRA's safety jurisdiction under the Federal railroad safety laws. 49 U.S.C. 20101, 20103. FRA is authorized to issue emergency orders where "an unsafe condition or practice, or a combination of unsafe conditions and practices, causes an emergency situation involving a hazard of death, personal injury, or significant harm to the environment." 49 U.S.C. 20104. Emergency orders may immediately impose "restrictions and prohibitions . . . that may be necessary to abate the situation." *Id.*

Background

Silverliner IV EMUs and Passenger Train Safety Requirements

SEPTA operates approximately 225 Silverliner IV EMUs, which SEPTA acquired from General Electric between 1974 and 1976. EMUs are both locomotives and passenger cars, self-propelled by electric motors and also designed to be occupied by passengers. Accordingly, EMUs are subject to the requirements of the Locomotive Inspection Act (49 U.S.C. ch. 207), FRA's Locomotive Safety Standards (49 CFR part 229), and FRA's Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (49 CFR part 238). EMUs may operate individually but typically operate semi-permanently coupled together as a pair or triplet from a control cab. During peak commuting hours, multiple pairs or triplets of EMUs, or a combination of both, are typically operated together as a single passenger train, without a conventional locomotive as a primary means of motive power.

EMUs are subject to an inspection cycle under FRA's Locomotive Safety Standards (49 CFR part 229), including a daily inspection (§ 229.21), a 33-day inspection (§ 229.23), and a 92-day inspection (§ 229.23).

Locomotives that develop defects en route, such as EMUs with traction motor malfunctions, are non-compliant for passenger service. Such locomotives may be used in repair service.¹ Specifically, while utilizing its propelling motors, such a locomotive is permitted to move only until the earlier of: (1) the next calendar day inspection, or (2) the nearest forward point where the repairs necessary to bring it into compliance can be made, but only if a qualified person determines that it is safe to move the locomotive and the maximum speed and other restrictions necessary for safely conducting the

movement and other conditions are met. Critically, when the locomotive is using its propelling motors, a railroad must repair the defective condition no later than the next day it is subject to a daily inspection, before being placed in service.

Under FRA's Passenger Equipment Safety Standards, an EMU must also receive a daily exterior mechanical inspection as passenger equipment (49 CFR 238.303) and a daily interior mechanical inspection as a passenger car (§ 238.305), in addition to undergoing periodic mechanical inspection (§ 238.307) and other inspection and maintenance requirements. These requirements cover electrical components. Each passenger railroad must also have an inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) plan that establishes inspection procedures, intervals, and criteria for the passenger equipment it operates (§ 238.107), and it must have developed and adopted a training, qualification, and designation program for its employees and contractors that perform any of the required inspections, tests, or maintenance (§ 238.109).

Factors Contributing to Fires and Other Thermal Incidents and SEPTA's Response

While the investigation remains ongoing into the causes of these Silverliner IV EMU fires and thermal incidents, SEPTA has identified many of the factors that have allowed five serious incidents of a similar nature over a short period of time. SEPTA met with FRA and representatives of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on August 8, 2025, to address thermal incidents since February 2025.² FRA requested SEPTA submit an overview of SEPTA's rolling stock, background on the thermal incidents and fires, and a mitigation plan to address the issues and contributing factors identified by FRA and SEPTA as direct or contributing causes. SEPTA submitted a written response to FRA's request on August 22, 2025.

SEPTA's response focused on the three incidents it identified up to that date as requiring the evacuation of passengers. Those incidents occurred on February 26, June 3, and July 22, 2025. SEPTA determined that the root cause of the fire on February 26 was an arc between traction motor wires, though the reason for the insulation breakdown

has not been determined.³ SEPTA determined that the root cause of the incident on June 3 was a stuck pilot motor in dynamic brake mode, which caused a rooftop brake resistor to overheat and adjoining fiberglass air duct to overheat and emit smoke. However, SEPTA had not determined the root cause of the July 22, 2025 fire, as of its August 22, 2025 submission to FRA.⁴

SEPTA outlined a mitigation plan that included identification and removal of vehicles from service as soon as precursor events are identified; improving operational responses to failures and thermal events to reduce risk to passengers, the crew, and the equipment; determining the root cause of recent thermal events; and evaluating equipment to identify any deficiencies that could contribute to a thermal event. SEPTA's mitigation plan also included action items for relevant departments within SEPTA as well as action timelines, including immediate actions, short-term actions, and long-term actions. In addition, SEPTA submitted to FRA evidence of notices it has distributed to its employees, highlighting policies and procedures that employees are required to implement to mitigate the risk of future fires and other thermal incidents. FRA finds that SEPTA's proposed mitigation plan identifies many of the problems faced by the railroad. Nonetheless, after SEPTA's proposed strategies to address the identified needs, two more incidents occurred in one week in September 2025.

These two most recent incidents point to failures in the implementation of SEPTA's proposed mitigation plan, or the inadequacy of the mitigation plan itself, or both, and highlight additional concerns that SEPTA must address. The very same car that experienced a thermal event on June 3, 2025 (Car #442) experienced another thermal event on September 23, 2025. Based on preliminary information available to FRA, this car was evacuated on September 23 because an incorrect replacement part was installed after the June 3 incident.

The most recent Silverliner IV EMU thermal incident, on September 25, 2025, further demonstrates that SEPTA's efforts to mitigate fire safety risks are inadequate. Car #396 was evacuated following a traction motor fire. FRA investigators have found that multiple SEPTA train crews failed to report and

¹ Section 229.9 permits using a locomotive for the purpose of repairs if a qualified person determines that it can be moved safely with any necessary restrictions and a tag is properly prepared and shared.

² This meeting followed prior meetings with FRA, in addition to individual FRA Motive Power & Equipment and Operating Practices division inspections.

³ NTSB is investigating this incident and will officially determine its probable cause.

⁴ The fire originated under the car and remains under investigation by NTSB and FRA.

respond to a known defect, as required under 49 CFR 229.9 and 238.17, when they observed a tractor motor indicator light signifying a detected problem. Based on information available to FRA, the indicator light was first visible on September 24, the day before the incident, and train crews failed to report the defect. Overnight, when the car was inspected by SEPTA's mechanical department personnel, the light remained visible, yet the issue causing the indicator light to activate was not addressed. The next day, the crew on duty also failed to take any action to report or address the indicator light, and the traction motor subsequently caught fire while the car was in service. Fortunately, the train's passengers were safely evacuated at the station, but this and other incidents could have necessitated passenger evacuation directly onto the railroad right-of-way, as experienced on February 6, 2025, and under even less favorable or secure circumstances, such as in a tunnel or on an elevated structure, which present greater challenges for evacuation and rescue.

This September 25 incident was clearly preventable and, most concerning to FRA, it points to a potentially larger problem of SEPTA personnel showing disregard for the serious risks posed by defects on Silverliner IV EMUs, despite ample evidence that particular care is needed to inspect and maintain older equipment. SEPTA ultimately has responsibility for the safety of the passenger equipment on its system, and SEPTA's management is responsible for ensuring and overseeing proper repairs and inspections by a workforce it equips, trains, and supervises.

Finding and Order

Despite SEPTA's remedial actions to date, the recurrence of serious fires and other thermal events on Silverliner IV EMUs, as well as the gravity of the hazards presented, including cars destroyed by fire, passenger evacuations, and injuries to a crewmember and a firefighter this year, poses an imminent threat to safety, including the threat of serious harm to SEPTA's passengers, SEPTA's train crews and other personnel, and emergency responders. FRA has concluded that SEPTA's maintenance and operation of its passenger rail equipment requires additional oversight and corrective action. The pattern of failures persuades FRA that reliance alone upon the prior assurances and cooperation of SEPTA is not possible, nor in the interest of public safety. Therefore, as the Acting Administrator

of FRA, I find that the unsafe conditions, as well as the practices discussed above, create an emergency situation involving a hazard of death or injury to persons.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority of 49 U.S.C. 20104, delegated to me by the Secretary, it is *ordered* that SEPTA must immediately ensure that each train crew is provided and follows procedures specifying actions the crew shall take to identify and report any equipment defect or failure on a train the crew is operating in service (including, but not limited to, a propulsion system/traction motor fault indication light). The procedures shall require each train crew to provide notification to SEPTA's mechanical department, and SEPTA's mechanical department must obtain sufficient information from the crew when any defect or failure is reported, to determine if the car should be immediately removed from service. SEPTA shall remove any car from service in case of doubt. SEPTA must also immediately complete a stand-down with all mechanical and transportation department employees, including an explanation of the requirements of this Order and delivery of a written notice in person to each employee that provides the dates, locations, and consequences of the five fires and thermal incidents that have occurred in 2025.

It is further *ordered* that SEPTA shall take the following actions no later than seven calendar (7) days after the date of this Order, unless otherwise specified.

1. Develop a plan to determine the direct and contributing causes of each fire or thermal incident that has occurred in 2025 and identify the root causes, circumstances, personnel, funding, or other conditions that have caused the fires and thermal incidents to occur in this period. SEPTA shall implement this plan and provide FRA with a written report of its findings no later than October 30, 2025.

2. Prepare and submit to FRA for approval an emergency mechanical inspection schedule of each Silverliner IV EMU. The schedule shall require that each Silverliner IV EMU in SEPTA's fleet be removed from service to complete a comprehensive inspection including, but not limited to, high-voltage control systems, propulsion system, and dynamic brake system, HVAC system, components and elements of safety and warning systems, high- and low-voltage cables, harnesses and connectors, and the condition of terminals and lugs, as well as any associated peripheral systems. The schedule shall prioritize cars into a

number of groups and remove the first group from service no later than the date the emergency mechanical inspection schedule is submitted to FRA. The scheduled inspections shall be completed within 30 calendar days of the date of this Order.

3. Review its inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) plan required under § 238.107 and submit the plan to FRA with proposed amendments sufficient to ensure that mechanical failures of the type leading to fires or thermal incidents will be detected and repaired.

4. Update, as needed, SEPTA Supplemental Division Notice Number 7-20C and any other relevant operating rule to implement the requirements of this Order.

5. Require by issuance of a written notice to train crews that every engineer report any sluggish or poor performance of braking or acceleration or any anomalous vehicle behavior to the dispatcher within 5 minutes of the event.

6. Complete a stand-down and debriefing with every mechanical employee involved with the inspection, troubleshooting, maintenance, or repair of Silverliner IV EMUs to include review of all fire and thermal incidents, the known direct and indirect causes, and to solicit feedback from the employees to identify improvements that SEPTA can make in its maintenance programs and practices.

7. Conduct random quality audits of the performance of the mechanical department's completion of repair and maintenance work items. Audits must occur every day and cover more than one shift each day.

It is further *ordered* that within 30 days of this Order, SEPTA must take the following actions:

8. Complete all actions under the emergency mechanical inspection schedule that has been approved by FRA, including inspection of all Silverliner IV EMUs for precursor conditions that increase the likelihood of a fire or thermal incident.

9. Install thermal protection circuits at all critical locations on every Silverliner IV EMU to shut down propulsion and auxiliary circuits if higher than normal operating temperatures are detected.

10. Document all inspections and repairs made to the Silverliner IV EMU fleet and present a graphical depiction of significant defects identified to the employees performing the work to clearly show to the employees leading and trailing indicators.

11. Review all technical documents such as repair procedures, part lists, bills of materials, maintenance and modification instructions, tooling, and

inventory requirements, and revise as needed to ensure all are up to date.

12. Ensure that the mechanical department reviews and updates employee training requirements and proficiency tests to address any deficiency identified in the implementation of this Order.

13. Complete, or cause to be completed, a comprehensive update of all root cause analyses begun in response to fire or thermal incidents and develop a corrective action plan to prevent their recurrence and implement continuous monitoring of mechanical systems performance.

14. Comply with all requirements of the revised ITM plan submitted to and approved by FRA.

I direct that a copy of this Order be posted in a public location at the railroad's offices and a copy of the Order be provided to each employee of the railroad within 24 hours of the date of issuance. FRA investigation of SEPTA is ongoing, and FRA may take further steps to assure public safety. These steps may include additional notice(s) under this Order, civil penalties against SEPTA (individuals may be liable for civil penalties for willful violations of the Federal railroad safety laws and regulations); or disqualification of individuals from performing safety-sensitive functions.

Relief

SEPTA may only obtain full relief from this Order by obtaining approval from FRA that it has met one of the following conditions:

I. Document and certify completion of all the above actions required by this Order within the timeframes provided. If any action required by this Order is inconsistent with optimal safety under particular operating conditions or if any action is not possible for reasons outside of SEPTA's control, SEPTA may document why the particular action should not be required in lieu of completing that action when requesting relief from this Order. FRA will determine in its discretion if

justification for not completing a required action, in conjunction with documentation of completed actions, is sufficient to approve SEPTA's request for relief.

OR

II. Remove Silverliner IV EMUs from service.

SEPTA shall submit all required information and certifications to FRARRSMPE@dot.gov and inform the Acting FRA Administrator in writing when it believes all of the requirements of this Order have been met. SEPTA must specifically obtain approval from the Acting FRA Administrator that it has either met all conditions of this Order, or certify that it has removed the Silverliner IV EMUs from service. FRA will conduct verification inspections and will inform SEPTA in writing if it finds SEPTA is not in compliance with this Order. If FRA does not lift the Order in response to SEPTA's request for relief, FRA's written response will specifically describe what additional measures need to be taken to meet all the requirements of this Order.

Partial Relief

For FRA to consider granting partial relief from this Order, SEPTA must submit a written plan for approval to FRARRSMPE@dot.gov that provides a detailed explanation of the partial relief sought, the specific measures that SEPTA proposes to ensure the safety of any operations to be permitted, and the period of time for which such partial relief is sought.

Any partial relief provided will remain subject to SEPTA's compliance with its approved written plan to provide safety measures, limitations on operations, and time periods for each component part of the partial relief. Failure to comply with any material provision of the approved plan will result in the partial relief being revoked.

Penalties

Any violation of this Order or the terms of any approved written plan pursuant to this Order subjects the

person (railroad carrier) committing the violation to a civil penalty of up to \$36,439 for ordinary violations and \$145,754 for aggravated violations for each day the violation continues. 49 U.S.C. 21301; 88 FR 89551 (Dec. 30, 2024). Any individual (railroad personnel) who willfully violates a provision stated in this Order is subject to civil penalties under 49 U.S.C. 21301. In addition, such an individual (railroad personnel) whose violation of this Order demonstrates the individual's unfitness for safety-sensitive service may be removed from safety-sensitive service on the railroad under 49 U.S.C. 20111.

If appropriate, FRA may pursue criminal penalties under 49 U.S.C. 522(a) and 49 U.S.C. 21311(a), as well as 18 U.S.C. 1001, for the knowing and willful falsification of a report required by this Order. FRA may, through the Attorney General, also seek injunctive relief to enforce this Order. 49 U.S.C. 20112.

Effective Date and Notice to Affected Persons

This Order takes effect at 12:01 a.m., EDT, on October 2, 2025, and applies to all employees and agents of SEPTA and all operations and equipment on SEPTA's system. Notice of this Order will be provided by publishing it in the **Federal Register**. Copies of this Order will be sent by email prior to publication to Scott Sauer, General Manager, SEPTA, at ssauer@septa.org.

Review

Opportunity for formal review of this Order will be provided in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 20104(b) and 5 U.S.C. 554. Administrative procedures governing such review are found at 49 CFR part 211. See 49 CFR 211.47, 211.71, 211.73, 211.75, and 211.77.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2025.

Robert Andrew Feeley,
Acting Administrator.

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Proclamation 10976 of September 29, 2025

The President

Adjusting Imports of Timber, Lumber, and Their Derivative Products Into the United States

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. On July 1, 2025, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) transmitted to me a report on his investigation into the effects of imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products (collectively, wood products) on the national security of the United States under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1862 (section 232). Based on the facts considered in that investigation, the Secretary found and advised me of his opinion that wood products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States and provided recommendations for action under section 232 to adjust the imports of wood products so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

2. The Secretary found that present quantities and circumstances of wood product imports are weakening our economy, resulting in the persistent threats of closures of wood mills and disruptions of wood product supply chains, among other things, and diminishing the utilization of production capacity of our domestic wood industry. Because of the state of the United States wood industry, the United States may be unable to meet demands for wood products that are crucial to the national defense and critical infrastructure. Taking into account the close relation of the economic welfare of the Nation to our national security and other relevant factors, *see* 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), the Secretary found that the present quantities and circumstances of the imports of wood products threaten to impair the national security as defined in section 232.

3. In reaching this conclusion, the Secretary found that wood products serve as essential inputs across multiple sectors, supporting national defense, critical infrastructure, economic stability, and industrial resilience in the United States.

4. The Secretary found that wood products are used in critical functions of the Department of War, including building infrastructure for operational testing, housing and storage for personnel and materiel, transporting munitions, as an ingredient in munitions, and as a component in missile-defense systems and thermal-protection systems for nuclear-reentry vehicles. Further, the Secretary found that wood products support multiple critical infrastructure sectors of the United States, sectors that involve assets, systems, and networks considered so vital that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on the national security, economic welfare, or national public health or safety of the United States. Wood products are particularly important to communications, energy, transportation, defense, and manufacturing, especially in supporting the United States power grid and transportation infrastructure.

5. The Secretary also found that while the United States possesses ample raw materials and industrial capacity to meet domestic wood products demand, wood production in the United States remains underdeveloped. At the same time, imports of wood products continue to rise, signaling foreign

dependence and creating vulnerabilities in the domestic industry. Foreign subsidies and unfair trade practices are eroding the competitiveness of the United States wood products industry and disincentivizing investment and modernization. These circumstances have weakened domestic manufacturing capacity for wood products, and have increased reliance on foreign imports, weakening United States industrial resilience and placing national security and economic stability at risk.

6. The Secretary identified that these practices are threatening the United States wood products industry in a way that increases mill closures and weakens domestic capacity and employment across the United States. These closures and the attendant loss of jobs will raise costs and could inhibit the United States from fulfilling its national-security needs and demands for wood products.

7. In light of these findings, the Secretary recommended a range of actions, including actions to adjust the imports of wood products so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

8. After considering the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I concur with the Secretary's finding that wood products are being imported into the United States in such quantities and under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security of the United States. In my judgment, and in light of the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d) (19 U.S.C. 1862(d)), and other relevant factors and information, I also determine that it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a plan of action that imposes tariffs, as described below, to adjust imports of wood products so that such imports will not threaten to impair the national security of the United States.

9. In my judgment, the actions in this proclamation will, among other things, strengthen supply chains, bolster industrial resilience, create high-quality jobs, and increase domestic capacity utilization for wood products such that the United States can fully satisfy domestic consumption while also creating economic benefits through increased exports. These actions will also encourage capital investment and drive innovation across the United States wood products industry, and strengthen the ability of the military and national-defense industry to domestically produce key munitions and defense systems and perform other required critical national-security functions. Modernization and renewed investment will curb further erosion of the United States wood industry and improve its efficiency, resource utilization, and product yield. These actions will adjust the imports of wood products and are necessary and appropriate to address the threat to impair the national security of the United States posed by imports of such articles.

10. To ensure the tariffs on wood products in this proclamation are not circumvented or that the purpose of this action to eliminate the threat to the national security of the United States by imports of wood products is not undermined, I deem it necessary and appropriate to establish processes to identify and impose tariffs on additional wood products, as further described below.

11. To ensure the effectiveness of the actions in this proclamation, I determine that it is necessary and appropriate to address undervaluation, as further described below. In my judgment, when there is a threat of undervaluation, it may be appropriate for specific, compound, or mixed tariffs to be imposed.

12. Consistent with the General Terms for the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Economic Prosperity Deal (May 8, 2025), the United States intends to coordinate with the United Kingdom to adopt a structured, negotiated approach to addressing the national security threat in the wood-products industry. Furthermore, pursuant to the terms of the framework agreements I have negotiated with the European Union and Japan, I intend to ensure that the tariff rate that

applies to originating wood-products of the European Union and Japan subject to this proclamation shall not exceed 15 percent.

13. Section 232 authorizes the President to take action to adjust the imports of an article and its derivatives that are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. Section 232 includes the authority to adopt and carry out a plan of action, with adjustments over time, to address the national-security threat. That initial plan of action may include negotiations of agreements with foreign trading partners along with other actions to adjust imports to address the national security threat, including tariffs. If action under section 232 includes the negotiation of an agreement, such as one contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i), 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i), then section 232 also directs the President to take other actions he deems necessary to adjust imports and eliminate the threat that the imported article poses to national security if such an agreement is not entered into within 180 days of the date of this proclamation or is not being carried out or is ineffective, *see* 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A).

14. The Secretary and the United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) have advised me that there are ongoing negotiations of agreements with foreign trading partners that at least in part include discussions over wood products. In my judgment, and after considering the Secretary's report, the factors in section 232(d), 19 U.S.C. 1862(d), the additional information provided to me by the Secretary and the Trade Representative, and other relevant factors and information, I have decided to include in my plan of action negotiations, with adjustments to tariffs depending on the status or outcome of such negotiations. I therefore direct the Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary, to pursue negotiation of agreements or continue current negotiations of agreements, such as agreements contemplated in section 232(c)(3)(A)(i), 19 U.S.C. 1862(c)(3)(A)(i), to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported wood products.

15. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 2483 (section 604), authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) the substance of statutes affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 232, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), section 604, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, do hereby proclaim as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, imports of softwood timber and lumber, as set forth in Annex I to this proclamation, shall be subject to a 10 percent *ad valorem* duty rate.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, imports of certain upholstered wooden products, as listed in Annex I to this proclamation, will be subject to a 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, imports of kitchen cabinets and vanities, as listed in Annex I to this proclamation, will be subject to a 25 percent *ad valorem* duty rate. This duty shall apply to completed kitchen cabinets and vanities as well as parts imported for use in kitchen cabinets and vanities.

(4) Products tariffed pursuant to this proclamation shall not be subject to any tariffs imposed by Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025 (Regulating Imports With a Reciprocal Tariff to Rectify Trade Practices That Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits), as amended; Executive Order 14323 of July 30, 2025 (Addressing Threats to the United States by the Government of Brazil); or Executive

Order 14329 of August 6, 2025 (Addressing Threats to the United States by the Government of the Russian Federation).

(5) The rates of duty established in this proclamation shall apply with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on October 14, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, the duty rate in clause 2 shall increase to 30 percent and the duty rate in clause 3 shall increase to 50 percent, and shall continue in effect, except for countries with which the United States reaches an agreement that addresses the threatened impairment of the national security posed by imports of wood products. Except as otherwise provided in this proclamation, the tariffs imposed in this proclamation are in addition to any other duties, taxes, fees, exactions, and charges applicable to such imported wood products.

(6) If any wood product is subject to tariffs under both this proclamation and Proclamation 10908 of March 26, 2025 (Adjusting Imports of Automobiles and Automobile Parts Into the United States), as amended, the wood product shall be subject to the terms and duties imposed pursuant to Proclamation 10908, as amended, and not those imposed pursuant to this proclamation. In addition, if any wood product is subject to tariffs pursuant to both this proclamation and the Executive Orders listed in section 2(b) or 2(c) of Executive Order 14289 of April 29, 2025 (Addressing Certain Tariffs on Imported Articles), as amended, the wood product shall be subject to the duties imposed pursuant to this proclamation, and not those imposed pursuant to the Executive Orders listed in section 2(b) or 2(c) of Executive Order 14289, as amended.

(7) Notwithstanding clauses 1 through 5 of this proclamation, the tariff imposed in this proclamation pursuant to section 232 that applies to imports of wood products from the United Kingdom shall not exceed 10 percent. Notwithstanding clauses 1 through 5 of this proclamation, the tariff imposed in this proclamation pursuant to section 232 that applies to imports of wood products from the European Union and Japan shall not result in a tariff that, when added to the applicable Column 1 Duty Rate in the HTSUS, exceeds 15 percent.

(8) Any product described in clauses 1 through 3 of this proclamation, except those eligible for admission as “domestic status” as described in 19 CFR 146.43, that is subject to a duty imposed by this proclamation and that is admitted into a United States foreign trade zone on or after the effective date of this proclamation may only be admitted as “privileged foreign” status as described in 19 CFR 146.41, and will be subject upon entry for consumption to any *ad valorem* rate of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading.

(9) The Secretary shall continue to monitor imports of wood products and shall, from time to time, in consultation with any senior executive branch official the Secretary deems appropriate, review the status of imports of wood products with respect to the national security of the United States. The Secretary shall inform the President of any circumstances that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate the need for further action by the President under section 232. By October 1, 2026, the Secretary shall provide the President with an update on imports of hardwood timber and lumber, their markets, and the domestic industry, so that the President may determine whether imposing an additional duty on imports of hardwood timber or lumber, such as the phased import duty recommended by the July 1, 2025, report, as well as any additional duties on derivatives of such products, is warranted to address a threat to national security. The Secretary shall also inform the President of any circumstance that, in the Secretary’s opinion, might indicate that the increase in duty rate provided for in this proclamation is no longer necessary.

(10) The Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary and any senior official the Trade Representative deems appropriate, shall pursue negotiations of agreements or continue current negotiations of agreements to address the threatened impairment of the national security with respect to imported wood products from any country. The Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary, shall, from time to time, update me on the status or outcome of the negotiations described in this proclamation. At a minimum, the Trade Representative shall provide one such update before January 1, 2026, and a subsequent update no later than 180 days after the date of this proclamation.

(11) The Secretary, in consultation with the United States International Trade Commission and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), shall determine whether any modifications to the HTSUS are necessary to effectuate this proclamation and shall make such modifications through notice in the *Federal Register*.

(12) Given the actions directed in this proclamation, and having considered the actions needed to address the emergency declared in Executive Order 14257, as amended, I am directing that, effective for goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on and after 12:01 eastern daylight time on October 14, 2025, all tariff provisions under Chapter 44 of the HTSUS are hereby removed from Annex II of Executive Order 14257, as amended, except those tariff provisions that: (i) are included on the Potential Tariff Adjustments for Aligned Partners Annex of Executive Order 14346 of September 5, 2025 (Modifying the Scope of Reciprocal Tariffs and Establishing Procedures for Implementing Trade and Security Agreements), and (ii) do not include products of a type that are subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order.

(13) To the extent consistent with applicable law and the purpose of this proclamation, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Homeland Security are directed and authorized to take all actions that are appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation and any actions contemplated by this proclamation, including, consistent with applicable law, the issuance of regulations, rules, guidance, and procedures and the temporary suspension or amendment of regulations, within their respective jurisdictions, and to employ all powers granted to the President under section 232, as may be appropriate to implement and effectuate this proclamation. The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Homeland Security may, consistent with applicable law, including 3 U.S.C. 301, redelegate any of these functions within their respective agencies. All executive departments and agencies shall take all appropriate measures to implement and effectuate this proclamation.

(14) Drawback shall be available with respect to the duties imposed pursuant to this proclamation.

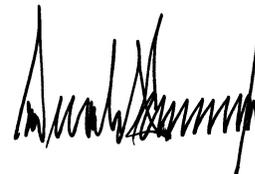
(15) CBP may take any appropriate measure to administer the tariffs imposed by this proclamation.

(16) The Secretary shall establish a process for including additional wood products within the scope of the tariffs described in this proclamation. The Secretary may add additional wood products within the scope of the tariffs described in this proclamation if, after considering the information from his monitoring of wood product imports with respect to the national security, any factor the Secretary deems appropriate, among other relevant information or considerations, the Secretary determines that inclusion of the additional wood product will reduce or eliminate the national security threat found in this proclamation and is consistent with the purpose of this proclamation. Appropriate factors include whether imports of the wood product have increased in a manner that threatens to impair the national security or otherwise undermines the objectives set forth in this proclamation. The process the Secretary establishes may include receiving requests or information from domestic producers of wood products or other interested entities or individuals.

(17) The Secretary shall establish a process for determining whether there is a threat of undervaluation of wood product imports subject to tariffs pursuant to this proclamation. If the Secretary finds that there is a risk of undervaluation of any particular class of imports of wood products subject to tariffs imposed pursuant to this proclamation, the Secretary is authorized to impose specific, compound, or mixed tariffs at a rate that he determines to correspond approximately to the *ad valorem* duty rate otherwise in effect under section 232 for the same class of articles through notice in the *Federal Register*.

(18) Any provision of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that is inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation is superseded to the extent of such inconsistency. If any provision of this proclamation or the application of any provision to any individual or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and the application of its provisions to any other individuals or circumstances shall not be affected.

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

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

Lumber and Timber 232 Annex:

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern time on October 14, 2025, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is hereby modified as follows:

1. The following new U.S. note 37 to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is inserted in numerical order:

“(a) Heading 9903.76.01 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of softwood timber and lumber products described in subdivision (b) of this note.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.01 shall be collected in addition to any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable U.S. Customs and Border Protection (‘CBP’) regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for the softwood timber and lumber products described in subdivision (b) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty provided in heading 9903.76.01. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty provided in heading 9903.76.01.

(b) The rates of duty set forth in heading 9903.76.01 apply to all imported softwood timber and lumber products, as specified in subdivision (a) to this note, that are classified under the provisions of the HTSUS listed in this subdivision:

4403.11.00

4403.23.01

4403.26.01

4403.21.01

4403.24.01

4403.99.01

4403.22.01

4403.25.01

4406.11.00

4406.91.00

4407.12.00

4407.14.00

4407.11.00

4407.13.00

4407.19.00

(c) Heading 9903.76.02 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of upholstered wooden furniture products described in subdivision (d) of this note, applicable to products of all countries other than: the United Kingdom, the member nations of the European Union, and Japan.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.02 shall be collected in addition to any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable CBP regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for the upholstered wooden furniture products described in subdivision (d) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.02. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty provided in heading 9903.76.02.

(d) The rates of duty set forth in headings 9903.76.02, 9903.76.20, 9903.76.21 and 9903.76.22 apply to all imported upholstered wooden furniture products, such as couches, sofas and chairs, as specified in subdivisions (c), (h), (i) and (j) to this note, that are classified under the following provisions of the HTSUS:

9401.61.4011

9401.61.4031

9401.61.6011

9401.61.6031

(e) Except for as provided by 9903.76.04, heading 9903.76.03 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of completed kitchen cabinets and vanities and parts of kitchen cabinets and vanities described in subdivision (f) of this note, applicable to

products of all countries other than: the United Kingdom, the member nations of the European Union, and Japan.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.03 shall be collected in addition to any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable CBP regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for the completed kitchen cabinets and vanities and parts of kitchen cabinets and vanities described in subdivision (f) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty provided in heading 9903.76.03. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty provided in heading 9903.76.03.

(f) Except for as provided by 9903.76.04, the rates of duty set forth in headings 9903.76.03, 9903.76.20, 9903.76.21 and 9903.76.22 apply to all imported completed kitchen cabinets and vanities and parts of kitchen cabinets and vanities, as specified in subdivisions (e), (h), (i) and (j) to this note, and that are classified under the provisions of the HTSUS listed in this subdivision:

9403.40.9060

9403.60.8093

9403.91.0080

(g) Heading 9903.76.04 applies to products classified under any of the listed provisions in subdivision (f) of this note that are other than completed wooden kitchen cabinets or vanities or parts of wooden kitchen cabinets or vanities.

(h) Except for as provided by 9903.76.04, heading 9903.76.20 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of wood products of the United Kingdom described in subdivisions (d) and (f) of this note.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.20 shall be collected in addition to any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable CBP regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for wood products described in subdivisions (d) or (f) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.20. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.20.

(i) Except for as provided by 9903.76.04, heading 9903.76.21 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of wood products of Japan described in subdivisions (d) and (f) of this note.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.21 shall be collected in lieu of any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the additional duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable CBP regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for wood products described in subdivisions (d) or (f) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.21. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.21.

(j) Except for as provided by 9903.76.04, heading 9903.76.22 provides the ordinary customs duty treatment of wood products described in subdivisions (d) and (f) of this note that are the products of any member country of the European Union enumerated in this subdivision.

The member countries of the European Union that are covered by this subdivision and by heading 9903.76.22 shall include the following: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia (Czech Republic), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

For any such products that are eligible for special tariff treatment under any of the free trade agreements or preference programs listed in general note 3(c)(i) to the tariff schedule, the duty provided in heading 9903.76.22 shall be collected in lieu of any special rate of duty otherwise applicable under the appropriate tariff subheading. Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and that are subject to the duties prescribed herein shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable CBP regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article. No claim for entry or for any duty exemption or reduction shall be allowed for wood products described in subdivisions (d) or (f) of this note under a provision of chapter 99 that may set forth a lower rate of duty or provide duty-free treatment, taking into account information supplied by CBP, but any additional duty prescribed in any provision of this subchapter or subchapter IV of chapter 99 shall be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.22. All antidumping, countervailing, or other duties and charges applicable to such goods shall continue to be imposed in addition to the duty in heading 9903.76.22.

(k) Any importer entering products covered by this note under headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02, 9903.76.03, 9903.76.04, 9903.76.20, 9903.76.21 or 9903.76.22 shall provide any information that may be required, and in such form, as is deemed necessary by CBP in order to permit the administration of these headings.”

2. Subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting the following new headings in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the columns of the HTSUS labeled “Heading/Subheading”, “Article Description”, “Rates of Duty 1-General”, “Rates of Duty 1-Special” and “Rates of Duty 2”, respectively:

Heading/	Article Description	Rates of Duty
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Subheading		1		2
		General	Special	
“9903.76.01	Softwood timber and lumber products provided for in subdivision (b) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%
9903.76.02	Upholstered wooden furniture products provided for in subdivision (d) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%
9903.76.03	Completed kitchen cabinets and vanities and parts of kitchen cabinets and vanities provided for in subdivision (f) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 25%
9903.76.04	Articles as provided for in subdivision (g) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading	The duty provided in the applicable subheading.
9903.76.20	Wood products of the United Kingdom as provided for in subdivisions (d) and (f) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%	The duty provided in the applicable subheading + 10%	No change
9903.76.21	Wood products of Japan as provided for in subdivisions (d) and (f) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	15%	15%	No change
9903.76.22	Wood products of the European Union as provided for in subdivisions (d) and (f) of U.S. note 37 of this subchapter . . .	15%	15%	No change”

3. U.S. note 2(a) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:
 - i. deleting “or 9903.01.05” and inserting “, 9903.01.05, 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 or 9903.76.03” in lieu thereof.
4. U.S. note 2(j) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:

- i. deleting “and 9903.01.16” and inserting “, 9903.01.16, 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03” in lieu thereof.
- 5. U.S. note 2(m) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:
 - i. deleting “and 9903.01.14” and inserting “, 9903.01.14, 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03” in lieu thereof.
- 6. U.S. note 2(v) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:
 - i. renumbering subdivisions (xiii) through (xix) as (xiv) through (xx), respectively;
 - ii. adding new subdivision (xiii), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by headings 9903.01.25, 9903.01.35, 9903.01.39, 9903.01.63, and 9903.02.01–9903.02.73 shall apply to wood products provided for in heading 9903.76.04, but shall not apply to wood products provided for in headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02, 9903.76.03, 9903.76.20, 9903.76.21, and 9903.76.22.”

- iii. by deleting the following from the list of HTSUS provisions in subdivision (iii):

4401.11.00	4403.94.01	4407.95.00
4401.12.00	4403.95.01	4407.96.00
4401.21.00	4403.96.01	4407.97.00
4401.22.00	4403.97.00	4407.99.02
4401.31.00	4403.98.00	4408.10.01
4401.32.00	4403.99.01	4408.90.01
4401.39.42	4404.10.00	4409.10.05
4401.41.00	4404.20.00	4409.10.10
4401.49.00	4405.00.00	4409.10.20
4402.10.00	4406.11.00	4409.10.40
4402.20.00	4406.12.00	4409.10.45
4402.90.01	4406.91.00	4409.10.50
4403.11.00	4406.92.00	4409.10.60
4403.12.00	4407.11.00	4409.10.65
4403.21.01	4407.12.00	4409.10.90
4403.22.01	4407.13.00	4409.21.05
4403.23.01	4407.14.00	4409.21.90
4403.24.01	4407.19.00	4409.22.05
4403.25.01	4407.91.00	4409.22.10
4403.26.01	4407.92.00	4409.22.25
4403.91.00	4407.93.00	4409.22.40
4403.93.01	4407.94.00	4409.22.50

4409.22.60	4411.92.20	4412.42.00
4409.22.65	4411.92.30	4412.49.00
4409.22.90	4411.92.40	4412.51.10
4409.29.06	4411.93.10	4412.51.31
4409.29.11	4411.93.20	4412.51.41
4409.29.26	4411.93.30	4412.51.51
4409.29.41	4411.93.60	4412.52.10
4409.29.51	4411.93.90	4412.52.31
4409.29.61	4411.94.00	4412.52.41
4409.29.66	4412.10.05	4412.52.51
4409.29.91	4412.10.90	4412.59.80
4410.11.00	4412.31.06	4412.59.90
4410.12.00	4412.31.26	4412.59.95
4410.19.00	4412.31.42	4412.91.06
4410.90.00	4412.31.45	4412.91.10
4411.12.10	4412.31.48	4412.91.31
4411.12.20	4412.31.52	4412.91.41
4411.12.30	4412.31.61	4412.91.51
4411.12.60	4412.31.92	4412.92.07
4411.12.90	4412.33.06	4412.92.11
4411.13.10	4412.33.26	4412.92.31
4411.13.20	4412.33.32	4412.92.42
4411.13.30	4412.33.57	4412.92.52
4411.13.60	4412.34.26	4412.99.58
4411.13.90	4412.34.32	4412.99.61
4411.14.10	4412.34.57	4412.99.71
4411.14.20	4412.39.10	4412.99.81
4411.14.30	4412.39.30	4412.99.91
4411.14.60	4412.39.40	4412.99.97
4411.14.90	4412.39.50	4413.00.00
4411.92.10	4412.41.00	

7. U.S. note 2(x) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:
- i. modifying subdivision (i) by deleting “subdivisions (x)(ii) through (x)(xi)” in each place that it appears and inserting “subdivisions (x)(ii) through (x)(xii)” in lieu thereof;
 - ii. adding new subdivision (xii), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.77 shall apply to wood products provided for in heading 9903.76.04, but shall not apply to wood products provided for in headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

8. U.S. note 2(z) of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:

- i. Renumbering subdivision (x) as (xi);
- ii. modifying subdivision (i) by deleting “subdivisions (z)(ii) through (z)(x)” in each place that it appears and inserting “subdivisions (z)(ii) through (z)(xi)” in lieu thereof;
- iii. inserting new subdivision (x), in numerical order:

“The additional duties imposed by heading 9903.01.84 shall apply to wood products provided for in heading 9903.76.04, but shall not apply to wood products provided for in headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

9. U.S. note 33 of subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by:

- i. deleting “and (7) the additional duties imposed on entries of articles the product of Mexico under heading 9903.01.01.” in subdivision (f) and inserting the following, in lieu thereof:

“; (7) the additional duties imposed on entries of articles the product of Mexico under heading 9903.01.01; and (8) the additional duties imposed on entries of wood products under headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

- ii. deleting “and (4) the additional duties imposed on entries of derivative iron or steel products under headings 9903.81.96, 9903.81.97, 9903.81.98 and 9903.81.99.” in subdivision (i) and inserting the following, in lieu thereof:

“; (4) the additional duties imposed on entries of derivative iron or steel products under headings 9903.81.96, 9903.81.97, 9903.81.98 and 9903.81.99; and (5) the additional duties imposed on entries of wood products under headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

- iii. deleting the “.” to the last sentence of the third paragraph of subdivision (k) and inserting the following, in lieu thereof:

“; and (6) the additional duties imposed on entries of wood products under headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

- iv. deleting the “.” to the last sentence of the third paragraph of subdivision (o) and inserting the following, in lieu thereof:

“; and (6) the additional duties imposed on entries of wood products under headings 9903.76.01, 9903.76.02 and 9903.76.03.”

10. Heading 9903.01.33 is modified by adding “wood products,” after “derivative articles of aluminum,” in the article description.

11. Heading 9903.01.34 is modified by deleting “subdivision (v)(xiii)” from the article description and inserting “subdivision (v)(xiv)”, in lieu thereof.

12. Heading 9903.01.83 is modified by adding “wood products,” after “derivative articles of aluminum,”.

13. Heading 9903.01.87 is modified by adding “wood products,” after “derivative articles of aluminum,”.

14. Heading 9903.01.88 is modified by deleting “subdivision (z)(x)” from the article description and inserting “subdivision (z)(xi)”, in lieu thereof.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14353 of September 29, 2025

Assuring the Security of the State of Qatar

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in recognition of the enduring alliance between the United States and the State of Qatar, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Policy. Over the years, the United States and the State of Qatar have been bound together by close cooperation, shared interests, and the close relationship between our armed forces. The State of Qatar has hosted United States forces, enabled critical security operations, and stood as a steadfast ally in pursuit of peace, stability, and prosperity, both in the Middle East and abroad, including as a mediator that has assisted the United States' attempts to resolve significant regional and global conflicts. In recognition of this history, and in light of the continuing threats to the State of Qatar posed by foreign aggression, it is the policy of the United States to guarantee the security and territorial integrity of the State of Qatar against external attack.

Sec. 2. Commitment. (a) The United States shall regard any armed attack on the territory, sovereignty, or critical infrastructure of the State of Qatar as a threat to the peace and security of the United States.

(b) In the event of such an attack, the United States shall take all lawful and appropriate measures—including diplomatic, economic, and, if necessary, military—to defend the interests of the United States and of the State of Qatar and to restore peace and stability.

(c) The Secretary of War, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall maintain joint contingency planning with the State of Qatar to ensure a rapid and coordinated response to any foreign aggression against the State of Qatar.

(d) The Secretary of State shall reaffirm this assurance to the State of Qatar and coordinate with allies and partners to ensure complementary measures of support.

(e) The Secretary of State shall continue to partner with the State of Qatar as and when appropriate for conflict resolution and mediation in recognition of the State of Qatar's extensive diplomatic and mediation experience.

Sec. 3. Implementation. All executive departments and agencies shall take appropriate steps, consistent with law, to implement this order.

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

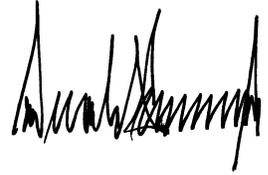
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

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

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

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

(d) The costs for publication of this order shall be borne by the Department of State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "Donald Trump", written in a cursive script.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 29, 2025.

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Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14354 of September 29, 2025

Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and consistent with chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act), it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Each advisory committee listed below is continued until September 30, 2027.

(a) Committee for the Preservation of the White House; Executive Order 11145, as amended (Department of the Interior).

(b) President's Commission on White House Fellowships; Executive Order 11183, as amended (Office of Personnel Management).

(c) President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12382, as amended (Department of Homeland Security).

(d) National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12829, as amended (National Archives and Records Administration).

(e) Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee; Executive Order 12905 (Office of the United States Trade Representative).

(f) Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; Executive Order 12963, as amended (Department of Health and Human Services).

(g) President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities; Executive Order 12994, as amended (Department of Health and Human Services).

(h) Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health; Executive Order 13179 (Department of Health and Human Services).

(i) President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition; Executive Order 13265, as amended (Department of Health and Human Services).

(j) Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development; Executive Order 13540 (Small Business Administration).

(k) State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector (SLTPS) Policy Advisory Committee; Executive Order 13549 (National Archives and Records Administration).

(l) Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016, as amended (Department of the Interior).

(m) Gold Butte National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 9559 of December 28, 2016 (Department of the Interior).

(n) Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 10533 of March 21, 2023 (Department of the Interior).

(o) Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 10606 of August 8, 2023 (Department of the Interior).

(p) Religious Liberty Commission; Executive Order 14291 (Department of Justice).

(q) Chuckwalla National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 10881 of January 14, 2025 (Department of the Interior).

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(s) Good Neighbor Environmental Board; Executive Order 12916, as amended (Environmental Protection Agency).

(t) President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Executive Order 14283 (Department of Education).

(u) President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology; Executive Order 14177 (Department of Energy).

(v) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee; Proclamation 6920 of September 18, 1996, as amended (Department of the Interior).

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Executive Order, the functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that are applicable to the committees listed in section 1 of this order shall be performed by the head of the department or agency designated after each committee, in accordance with the regulations, guidelines, and procedures established by the Administrator of General Services.

Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of Executive Order 14109 of September 29, 2023, are hereby superseded by sections 1 and 2 of this order.

Sec. 4. This order shall be effective September 30, 2025.

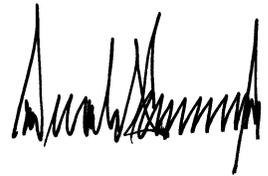
Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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

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

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

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



THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 29, 2025.

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