

significant, it is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 14192.

*Executive Orders 12372 and 13132*

This regulation will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to require consultations or warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities do not apply to this regulation.

*Executive Order 12988*

The Department of State has reviewed the rule considering sections 3(a) and

3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988 to eliminate ambiguity, minimize litigation, establish clear legal standards, and reduce burdens.

*Executive Order 13175*

The Department of State has determined that this rulemaking will not have Tribal implications, will not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian Tribal governments, and will not pre-empt Tribal law. Accordingly, the requirements of Section 5 of Executive Order 13175 do not apply to this rulemaking.

*Paperwork Reduction Act*

This rule does not impose any new reporting or record-keeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

**List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 22**

Administrative practice and procedure, Fees, Foreign Service, Immigration, Passports, Visas.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble, 22 CFR part 22 is amended as follows:

**PART 22—SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES— DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN SERVICE**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 22 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1101 note, 1153 note, 1183a note, 1351, 1351 note, 1713, 1714, 1714 note; 10 U.S.C. 2602(c); 11 U.S.C. 1157 note; 22 U.S.C. 214, 214 note, 1475e, 2504(a), 2651a, 4201,4206, 4215, 4219, 6551; 31 U.S.C. 9701; Exec. Order 10,718, 22 FR 4632 (1957); Exec. Order 11,295, 31 FR 10603 (1966).

■ 2. In § 22.1, amend the table by revising entry 4 under the heading “Passport and Citizenship Services” to read as follows:

**§ 22.1 Schedule of fees.**

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SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES

Item No.	Fee
<b>Passport and Citizenship Services</b>	
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4. Exemptions: The following applicants are exempted from all passport fees listed in Item 2 above:	
(a) Officers or employees of the United States and their immediate family members (22 U.S.C. 214) and Peace Corps Volunteers and Leaders (22 U.S.C. 2504(h)) proceeding abroad or returning to the United States in the discharge of their official duties.	NO FEE.
(b) U.S. citizen seamen who require a passport in connection with their duties aboard an American flag vessel (22 U.S.C. 214(a)).	NO FEE.
(c) Widows, children, parents, grandparents, or siblings of deceased members of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the graves of such members (22 U.S.C. 214(a)).	NO FEE.
(d) An individual or individuals abroad, returning to the United States, when the Secretary determines that foregoing the collection of such fee is justified for humanitarian reasons or for law enforcement purposes (22 U.S.C. 214 (d)) and employees of the American National Red Cross proceeding abroad as members of the Armed Forces of the United States (10 U.S.C. 2602(c)).	NO FEE.
(e) At the discretion of the Secretary, an individual who:	
(i) Is operating under a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the United States Government to participate in search, rescue, and other related disaster relief operations within a foreign country following a natural disaster; or	
(ii) Is required pursuant to such contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to be available to travel abroad to assist in search, rescue, or other related disaster relief efforts immediately upon notice from the United States Government. (22 U.S.C 214(e)).	NO FEE.
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**PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**  
**29 CFR Part 4044**  
**Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits**  
**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.  
**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s

regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans to prescribe the spreads component of the interest assumption under the asset allocation regulation for plans with valuation dates of April 30, 2026–July 30, 2026. These interest assumptions are used for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans and for other purposes.  
**DATES:** Effective April 30, 2026.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PBGC’s regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044) prescribes actuarial assumptions—including an interest assumption—for valuing benefits under terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The interest assumption is also posted on PBGC’s website (*www.pbgc.gov*).

PBGC uses the interest assumption in § 4044.54 to determine the present value of annuities in an involuntary or distress termination of a single-employer plan under the asset allocation regulation. The assumptions in part 4044 of PBGC’s regulations are also used in other situations where it is appropriate for liabilities to align with private sector group annuity prices. For example, PBGC’s regulations on Notice, Collection, and Redetermination of Withdrawal Liability (29 CFR part 4219) and Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) provide that these assumptions are used to value liabilities for purposes of determining withdrawn employers’ reallocation liability in the event of a mass withdrawal from a multiemployer plan. Multiemployer plans that receive special financial assistance under the regulation on Special Financial Assistance by PBGC (29 CFR part 4262) must, as a condition of receiving special financial assistance, use the interest assumption to determine withdrawal liability for a prescribed period. Additionally, plan sponsors are required

to use some, or all of these assumptions for specified purposes (*e.g.*, reporting benefit liabilities in filings required under PBGC’s regulation on Annual Financial and Actuarial Information Reporting (29 CFR part 4010) or determining certain amounts to transfer to PBGC’s Missing Participants Program on behalf of a missing participant of a terminating defined benefit plan under PBGC’s regulation on Missing Participants (29 CFR part 4050)) and may use them for other purposes (*e.g.*, to ensure that plan spinoffs comply with section 414(l) of the Internal Revenue Code).

Part 4044 of PBGC’s regulations provides that the interest assumption for part 4044 purposes is a yield curve (*i.e.*, the “4044 yield curve”) that is based on a blend of two publicly available bond yield curves that is adjusted to the extent necessary so that the resulting liabilities align with group annuity prices. The adjustments are referred to as “spreads.” PBGC determines and publishes spreads quarterly based on survey data on pricing of private-sector group annuities. PBGC posts the 4044 yield curve on its website at *www.pbgc.gov* each month shortly after its underlying data becomes available. In addition, practitioners are able to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the end of any month using the publicly available bond yield curves and the spreads specified in the regulation.

This rule amends the regulation to specify the spreads used to determine the 4044 yield curve as of the last days of April, May, and June of 2026 (*i.e.*, the “second quarter 2026 spreads”). Due to space constraints, table 1 to paragraph (e) shows spreads only for the most recent four quarters. Historical spreads are available on *www.pbgc.gov*, along with more recent spreads.

**Need for Immediate Guidance**

PBGC has determined that notice of, and public comment on, this rule are impracticable, unnecessary, and

contrary to the public interest. PBGC routinely updates the spreads component of the interest assumption in the asset allocation regulation so that the 4044 yield curve may be determined as soon as the underlying bond yield curves become available. These amendments are merely technical; they ensure that use of PBGC’s interest assumption continues to yield liabilities in line with group annuity prices. Accordingly, PBGC finds that the public interest is best served by issuing this rule expeditiously, without an opportunity for notice and comment, and that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

**List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4044**

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, PBGC amends 29 CFR part 4044 as follows.

**PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS**

- 1. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

- 2. In § 4044.54, revise table 1 to paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 4044.54 Interest assumptions.**

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TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS

Maturity point	Third quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Second quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
0.5 .....	0.40	0.49	0.56	0.63
1.0 .....	0.40	0.49	0.56	0.63
1.5 .....	0.40	0.49	0.56	0.62
2.0 .....	0.40	0.49	0.56	0.62
2.5 .....	0.40	0.49	0.55	0.62
3.0 .....	0.40	0.49	0.55	0.62
3.5 .....	0.39	0.48	0.54	0.60
4.0 .....	0.39	0.48	0.54	0.60
4.5 .....	0.39	0.47	0.53	0.59
5.0 .....	0.39	0.47	0.53	0.59
5.5 .....	0.38	0.46	0.52	0.57
6.0 .....	0.38	0.46	0.52	0.57

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (e)—SPREADS—Continued

Maturity point	Third quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	Fourth quarter 2025 spreads (percent)	First quarter 2026 spreads (percent)	Second quarter 2026 spreads (percent)
6.5	0.37	0.44	0.50	0.54
7.0	0.37	0.44	0.50	0.54
7.5	0.36	0.43	0.48	0.52
8.0	0.36	0.43	0.48	0.52
8.5	0.34	0.41	0.45	0.49
9.0	0.34	0.41	0.45	0.49
9.5	0.33	0.39	0.43	0.46
10.0	0.33	0.39	0.43	0.46
10.5	0.32	0.37	0.40	0.43
11.0	0.32	0.37	0.40	0.43
11.5	0.30	0.34	0.37	0.39
12.0	0.30	0.34	0.37	0.39
12.5	0.28	0.32	0.34	0.36
13.0	0.28	0.32	0.34	0.36
13.5	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.32
14.0	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.32
14.5	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.28
15.0	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.28
15.5	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.24
16.0	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.24
16.5	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.21
17.0	0.22	0.23	0.22	0.21
17.5	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.17
18.0	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.17
18.5	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.13
19.0	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.13
19.5	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.10
20.0	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.10
20.5	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.07
21.0	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.07
21.5	0.14	0.12	0.08	0.04
22.0	0.14	0.12	0.08	0.04
22.5	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.01
23.0	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.01
23.5	0.12	0.08	0.04	-0.02
24.0	0.12	0.08	0.04	-0.02
24.5	0.11	0.07	0.02	-0.04
25.0	0.11	0.07	0.02	-0.04
25.5	0.10	0.06	0.00	-0.06
26.0	0.10	0.06	0.00	-0.06
26.5	0.09	0.05	-0.01	-0.08
27.0	0.09	0.05	-0.01	-0.08
27.5	0.09	0.04	-0.02	-0.09
28.0	0.09	0.04	-0.02	-0.09
28.5	0.09	0.03	-0.03	-0.10
29.0	0.09	0.03	-0.03	-0.10
29.5	0.09	0.03	-0.03	-0.10
30.0	0.09	0.03	-0.03	-0.10

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

**50 CFR Part 679**

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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic  
Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of  
Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian  
Islands**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries  
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),  
Commerce.

**ACTION:** Temporary rule; reallocation.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is reallocating the  
projected unused amounts of the Aleut  
Corporation and the Community  
Development Quota (CDQ) pollock  
directed fishing allowances (DFA) from  
the Aleutian Islands subarea to the  
Bering Sea subarea. This action is  
necessary to provide the opportunity for  
the harvest of the 2026 total allowable  
catch (TAC) of pollock, consistent with  
the goals and objectives of the Fishery  
Management Plan for Groundfish of the