

§ 1250.102 [Amended]

■ 2. In § 1250.102(b), remove the word “Applicable” and add in its place “Applicant.”

§ 1250.103–2 [Amended]

- 3. In § 1250.103–2:
- a. In paragraph (a)(3), remove the words “or effect” wherever they appear.
 - b. Remove paragraphs (b) and (e).
 - c. Redesignate paragraphs (c) and (d) as paragraphs (b) and (c).

§ 1250.103–3 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 1250.103–3, remove paragraph (d).

§ 1250.103–4 [Amended]

■ 5. In § 1250.103–4, remove paragraphs (f) and (g).

§ 1250.112 [Removed]

■ 6. Remove § 1250.112.

Jamie Krauk,

Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat (OES).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives****27 CFR Part 478**

[Docket No. ATF–2026–0009; ATF No. 2025R–32D]

RIN 1140–AA61

Licensee “eZ Check” Verification for Transfers; Withdrawing Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Withdrawing direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to receiving adverse comments, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”) is withdrawing the direct final rule, “Licensee “eZ Check” Verification for Transfers,” published on May 6, 2026.

DATES: Effective July 6, 2026, ATF withdraws the direct final rule published at 91 FR 24357, on May 6, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Regulatory Affairs, by email at ORA@atf.gov, by mail at Office of Regulatory Affairs; Enforcement Programs and Services; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and

Explosives; 99 New York Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20226, or by telephone at 202–648–7070 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 6, 2026, ATF published a direct final rule in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 24357) entitled, “Licensee “eZ Check” Verification for Transfers.” We stated in that direct final rule that if we received significant adverse comment by June 5, 2026, the direct final rule would not take effect and we would publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. Because we subsequently received adverse comment on that direct final rule, we are withdrawing the rule.

ATF may issue a notice of proposed rulemaking in a future edition of the **Federal Register** to initiate action to repromulgate the rule provisions that are being withdrawn today. In any such action, we would address the adverse comment we received on the direct final rule. The adverse comment is publicly available in the electronic docket for RIN 1140–AA61 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

List of subjects in 27 CFR Part 478

Administrative practice and procedure, Arms and munitions, Exports, Freight, Imports, Intergovernmental relations, Law enforcement officers, Military personnel, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Seizures and forfeitures, Transportation.

Accordingly, as of July 6, 2026, ATF withdraws the direct final rule amending 27 CFR part 478, which published at 91 FR 24357 on May 6, 2026.

Robert Cekada,

Director.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**29 CFR Part 1608**

RIN 3046–AB39

Rescission of Guidelines on Affirmative Action Appropriate Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as Amended

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Final interpretive rule.

SUMMARY: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC” or “Commission”) is rescinding its regulations regarding Affirmative Action

Appropriate Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (“Guidelines”), and removing it from the Code of Federal Regulations. The Commission is rescinding the Guidelines and removing them from the Code of Federal Regulations because the Guidelines are inconsistent with the statutory language and were not supported by Supreme Court precedent when issued; they are obsolete; they only apply to affirmative action to benefit women or minorities; and they do not take into account multiple relevant Supreme Court cases and numerous developments in the lower courts, over the past four decades since their issuance in 1979.

DATES: This final interpretive rule is effective on July 6, 2026, and applicable as of June 29, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Rescission and Removal of the Guidelines****A. Background**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits “discriminat[ion]” against workers “because of [their] race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.” 42 U.S.C. 2000e–2(a)(1). In 1977, the then-Commission proposed—and in 1979 enacted—Guidelines on Affirmative Action Appropriate Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, As Amended. The Guidelines’ stated purpose was to protect “employers, labor organizations, and other persons subject to title VII [who] have changed their employment practices and systems to improve employment opportunities for minorities and women[.]” 29 CFR 1608.1(a). Employers and other entities subject to Title VII, the then-Commission believed, lacked sufficient guidance regarding the circumstances under which, and the means through which, they could take race- and sex-conscious affirmative action. *Id.*

When the Guidelines were proposed in 1977, cases questioning whether affirmative action was compatible with Title VII were winding their way through the lower courts. *See, e.g., Weber v. Kaiser Aluminum & Chem. Corp.*, 415 F. Supp. 761 (E.D. La. 1976), *aff’d*, 563 F.2d 216 (5th Cir. 1977), 571