

34 CFR Part 668

Administrative practice and procedure, Colleges and universities, Consumer protection, Grant programs—education, Loan programs—education, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Selective Service System, Student aid, Vocational education.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

Betsy DeVos,
Secretary of Education.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Secretary amends parts 36 and 668 of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 36—ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INFLATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 36 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e–3 and 3474; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note, as amended by section 701 of Pub. Law 114–74, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 36.2 is amended by revising Table I to read as follows:

§ 36.2 Penalty adjustment.

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TABLE I—SECTION 36.2.—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS

Statute	Description	New maximum (and minimum, if applicable) penalty amount
20 U.S.C. 1015(c)(5) (Section 131(c)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)).	Provides for a fine, as set by Congress in 1998, of up to \$25,000 for failure by an institution of higher education (IHE) to provide information on the cost of higher education to the Commissioner of Education Statistics.	\$38,549.
20 U.S.C. 1022d(a)(3) (Section 205(a)(3) of the HEA).	Provides for a fine, as set by Congress in 2008, of up to \$27,500 for failure by an IHE to provide information to the State and the public regarding its teacher-preparation programs.	\$32,110.
20 U.S.C. 1082(g) (Section 432(g) of the HEA).	Provides for a civil penalty, as set by Congress in 1986, of up to \$25,000 for violations by lenders and guaranty agencies of Title IV of the HEA, which authorizes the Federal Family Education Loan Program.	\$57,317.
20 U.S.C. 1094(c)(3)(B) (Section 487(c)(3)(B) of the HEA).	Provides for a civil penalty, as set by Congress in 1986, of up to \$25,000 for an IHE's violation of Title IV of the HEA, which authorizes various programs of student financial assistance.	\$57,317.
20 U.S.C. 1228c(c)(2)(E) (Section 429 of the General Education Provisions Act).	Provides for a civil penalty, as set by Congress in 1994, of up to \$1,000 for an educational organization's failure to disclose certain information to minor students and their parents.	\$1,692.
31 U.S.C. 1352(c)(1) and (c)(2)(A)	Provides for a civil penalty, as set by Congress in 1989, of \$10,000 to \$100,000 for recipients of Government grants, contracts, etc. that improperly lobby Congress or the Executive Branch with respect to the award of Government grants and contracts.	\$20,134 to \$201,340.
31 U.S.C. 3802(a)(1) and (a)(2)	Provides for a civil penalty, as set by Congress in 1986, of up to \$5,000 for false claims and statements made to the Government.	\$11,463.

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PART 668—STUDENT ASSISTANCE GENERAL PROVISIONS

■ 3. The authority citation for part 668 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1001–1003, 1070a, 1070g, 1085, 1087b, 1087d, 1087e, 1088, 1091, 1092, 1094, 1099c, 1099c–1, 1221e–3, and 3474; Pub. L. 111–256, 124 Stat. 2643; unless otherwise noted.

§ 668.84 [Amended]

■ 4. Section 668.84 is amended in paragraph (a) by removing the number “\$55,907” and adding in its place the number “\$57,317”.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3035

[Docket No. RM2018–12; Order No. 4973]

Amendments to Market Test Rules

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is adopting final rules amending the Commission's regulations governing market tests of experimental products. The final rules revise the method for calculating applicable market test revenue limitations and clarify the process for filing a request to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list. For additional information, Order No. 4973 can be accessed electronically through the Commission's website at <https://www.prc.gov>.

DATES: *Effective:* March 4, 2019.

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

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I. Relevant Statutory Requirements

Section 3641 of title 39 of the United States Code authorizes the Postal Service to conduct market tests of experimental products. 39 U.S.C. 3641. Generally, each product offered by the Postal Service must comply with section 3622 (governing market dominant products) or section 3633 (governing competitive products), as well as section 3642 (governing changes to the lists of market dominant and competitive products) and applicable regulations. Experimental products, however, are not subject to these requirements. 39 U.S.C. 3641(a)(2).

The Postal Service may decide to add a non-experimental product or price category to the product list based on its performance or other factors.

Accordingly, the regulations in this part set forth procedures for filing a request to add a current or former experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list in non-experimental status, that is—subject to the applicable requirements of sections 3622 or 3633, 3642, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.¹

In accordance with its specific authority to regulate market tests under section 3641 and its general authority under section 503 to promulgate regulations and establish procedures, the Commission initiated a rulemaking proceeding to consider amendments to the existing market test regulations that would better reflect current practice and improve transparency and accountability.

II. Basis and Purpose of Rule Change

The final rules amend existing market test rules in 39 CFR part 3035 in two areas. First, the final rules revise the method for calculating applicable revenue limitations for market tests appearing in §§ 3035.15 and 3035.16 to be consistent with the current level of precision used in calculating the annual limitation on the percentage change in rates for market dominant products (price cap). Second, the final rules clarify the process under § 3035.18 for filing a request to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list. The final rules also emphasize the necessity of receiving specific detailed information in such requests.

III. Final Rule

The final rules amend existing §§ 3035.15, 3035.16, and 3035.18. The final rules replace “214.5” with “214.463” in existing § 3035.15(d) and (e) as well as § 3035.16(c) and (d). The final rules change the heading of existing § 3035.18 to “Request to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the product list.” Final § 3035.18(a) replaces the word “permanent” in existing § 3035.18 with general language about adding a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list. Final § 3035.18(b)

identifies instances when the Postal Service must file a request compliant with § 3035.18. Final § 3035.18(c) lists the information that the Postal Service must include in a request to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list.

Final § 3035.18(d) contains separate notice requirements for a request filed under § 3035.18 that seeks to continue services provided under a market test immediately when the market test ends. Final § 3035.18(d) also specifies a different advance notice requirement for competitive NSAs (45 days) as compared to other products (60 days).

Existing § 3035.18(c) is moved to final § 3035.18(e), but replaces the phrase “its request to make an experimental product permanent” with “a request filed under this section” and adds “if the market test proceeding’s docket is an active case before the Commission” at the end of the first sentence.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 3035

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Commission amends 39 CFR part 3035 as follows:

PART 3035—RULES FOR MARKET TESTS OF EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS

- 1. The authority citation for part 3035 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 503; 3641.

- 2. Amend § 3035.15 by revising paragraphs (d) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 3035.15 Dollar amount limitation.

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(d) The calculation of the \$10 Million Adjusted Limitation involves the following steps. First, a simple average CPI-U index was calculated for fiscal year 2008 by summing the monthly CPI-U values from October 2007 through September 2008 and dividing the sum by 12 (Base Average). The resulting Base Average is 214.463. Then, a second simple average CPI-U index is similarly calculated for each subsequent fiscal year by summing the 12 monthly CPI-U values for the previous fiscal year and dividing the sum by 12 (Recent Average). Finally, the annual limitation for the current fiscal year is calculated by multiplying \$10,000,000 by the Recent Average divided by 214.463. The result is expressed as a number, rounded to the nearest dollar.

(e) The formula for calculating the \$10 Million Adjusted Limitation is as

follows: \$10 Million Adjusted Limitation = \$10,000,000 * (Recent Average/214.463).

- 3. Amend § 3035.16 by revising paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 3035.16 Exemption from dollar amount limitation.

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(c) The calculation of the \$50 Million Adjusted Limitation involves the following steps. First, a simple average CPI-U index was calculated for fiscal year 2008 by summing the monthly CPI-U values from October 2007 through September 2008 and dividing the sum by 12 (Base Average). The resulting Base Average is 214.463. Then, a second simple average CPI-U index is similarly calculated for each subsequent fiscal year by summing the 12 monthly CPI-U values for the previous fiscal year and dividing the sum by 12 (Recent Average). Finally, the annual limitation for the current fiscal year is calculated by multiplying \$50,000,000 by the Recent Average divided by 214.463. The result is expressed as a number, rounded to the nearest dollar.

(d) The formula for calculating the \$50 Million Adjusted Limitation is as follows: \$50 Million Adjusted Limitation = \$50,000,000 * (Recent Average/214.463).

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- 4. Revise § 3035.18 to read as follows:

§ 3035.18 Request to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the product list.

(a) If the Postal Service seeks to add a non-experimental product or price category based on a former or current experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list, the Postal Service shall file a request, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and part 3020, subpart B of this chapter, to add a non-experimental product or price category to the applicable product list.

(b) The Postal Service shall comply with the requirements specified in paragraphs (c) through (e) of this section if the proposed non-experimental product or price category:

- (1) Offers the same (or similar) service as a former or current experimental product;
- (2) Has the same distinct cost or market characteristic as a former or current experimental product; or
- (3) Uses (or is based on) data or assumptions from a former or current market test proceeding.

(c) A request filed under this section shall:

- (1) Identify the market test and docket number that the proposed non-

¹ See Docket No. RM2013-5, Order Adopting Final Rules for Market Tests of Experimental Products, August 28, 2014, at 24 (Order No. 2173).

experimental product or price category is based on;

(2) Explain the relationship between the proposed non-experimental product or price category and market test or experimental product;

(3) Identify any assumptions from the market test that the request uses or is based on;

(4) Include all data from data collection reports filed during the market test in the financial model supporting the request, or separately identify and explain any differences between the data collection reports filed during the market test and the data used in the financial model supporting the request; and

(5) Quantify the product specific costs associated with the development of the market test; that is, costs incurred before the market test was implemented.

(d) The Postal Service must provide advance notice of a request filed under this section.

(1)(i) The requirements in this paragraph (d)(1) apply if the Postal Service seeks to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the competitive product list as an NSA. If the Postal Service seeks to continue the services provided under a market test immediately when the market test ends with no interruption in service, the Postal Service must file a request under this section at least 45 days before:

(A) The market test expires (including any extension period granted); or

(B) The market test is expected to exceed any authorized limitation specified in §§ 3035.15 and 3035.16 during any fiscal year, whichever is earlier.

(ii) In all other instances, the Postal Service must file a request under this section at least 45 days before the requested date for the Commission's decision.

(2)(i) The requirements in this paragraph (d)(2) apply if the Postal Service seeks to add a non-experimental product or price category based on an experimental product to the market dominant or competitive product list as a product other than a competitive NSA. If the Postal Service seeks to continue the services provided under a market test immediately when the market test ends with no interruption in service, the Postal Service must file a request under this section at least 60 days before:

(A) The market test expires (including any extension period granted); or

(B) The market test is expected to exceed any authorized limitation specified in §§ 3035.15 and 3035.16 during any fiscal year, whichever is earlier.

(ii) In all other instances, the Postal Service must file a request under this section at least 60 days before the requested date for the Commission's decision.

(e) The Postal Service shall also file a notice of a request filed under this section in the market test proceeding's docket if the market test proceeding's docket is an active case before the Commission. This notice shall include the applicable docket number(s) for the proceeding evaluating the request.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R06-OAR-2007-0314; FRL-9988-58-Region 6]

Air Plan Approval; Oklahoma; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a portion of an Oklahoma State Implementation Plan (SIP) submittal that pertains to the good neighbor provision requirements of the CAA with respect to interstate transport of air pollution which will interfere with maintenance of the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The good neighbor provision requires, in part, that each state, in its SIP, prohibit emissions that will interfere with maintenance of a new or revised NAAQS in another state. In this action, EPA is approving the Oklahoma SIP submittal as having met the interfere with maintenance requirement of the good neighbor provision for the 1997 ozone NAAQS in accordance with section 110 of the CAA.

DATES: This rule is effective on March 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-R06-OAR-2007-0314. All documents in the docket are listed on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business

Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document "we," "us," and "our" means the EPA.

I. Background

The background for this action is discussed in detail in our November 16, 2018 proposal (83 FR 57701). In that document we proposed to (1) approve the portion of a May 1, 2007 Oklahoma SIP submittal pertaining to the interfere with maintenance requirement of CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) with respect to the 1997 ozone NAAQS and (2) find that the state's conclusion that Oklahoma emissions do not interfere with maintenance of the 1997 ozone NAAQS in another state is consistent with our conclusion regarding this good neighbor obligation. We did not receive any comments regarding our proposal.

II. Final Action

We are approving the portion of a May 1, 2007 Oklahoma SIP submittal pertaining to the interfere with maintenance requirement of CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) with respect to the 1997 ozone NAAQS. We find that the state's conclusion that Oklahoma emissions do not interfere with maintenance of the 1997 ozone NAAQS in another state is consistent with our conclusion regarding this good neighbor obligation. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Act.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the Act and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, the EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. For that reason, this action: