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Proclamation 10886 of January 20, 2025

The President

Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby proclaim:

America's sovereignty is under attack. Our southern border is overrun by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans, including America.

This invasion has caused widespread chaos and suffering in our country over the last 4 years. It has led to the horrific and inexcusable murders of many innocent American citizens, including women and children, at the hands of illegal aliens. Foreign criminal gangs and cartels have begun seizing control of parts of cities, attacking our most vulnerable citizens, and terrorizing Americans beyond the control of local law enforcement. Cartels control vast territories just south of our southern border, effectively controlling who can and cannot travel to the United States from Mexico. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have tragically died from drug overdoses because of the illicit narcotics that have flowed across the southern border.

This assault on the American people and the integrity of America's sovereign borders represents a grave threat to our Nation.

Because of the gravity and emergency of this present danger and imminent threat, it is necessary for the Armed Forces to take all appropriate action to assist the Department of Homeland Security in obtaining full operational control of the southern border.

To protect the security and safety of United States citizens, to protect each of the States against invasion, and to uphold my duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, it is my responsibility as President to ensure that the illegal entry of aliens into the United States via the southern border be immediately and entirely stopped.

As Commander in Chief, I have no more solemn duty than to protect the American people.

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 sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), hereby declare that a national emergency exists at the southern border of the United States, and that section 12302 of title 10, United States Code, is invoked and made available, according to its terms, to the Secretaries of the military departments concerned, subject to the direction of the Secretary of Defense. To provide additional authority to the Department of Defense to support the Federal Government's response to the emergency at the southern border, I hereby declare that this emergency requires use of the Armed Forces and, in accordance with section 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1631), that the construction authority provided in section 2808 of

title 10, United States Code, is invoked and made available, according to its terms, to the Secretary of Defense and, at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, to the Secretaries of the military departments. I hereby direct as follows:

Section 1. *Deployment of Personnel and Resources.* The Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of each relevant military department, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, shall order as many units or members of the Armed Forces, including the Ready Reserve and the National Guard, as the Secretary of Defense determines to be appropriate to support the activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security in obtaining complete operational control of the southern border of the United States. The Secretary of Defense shall further take all appropriate action to facilitate the operational needs of the Secretary of Homeland Security along the southern border, including through the provision of appropriate detention space, transportation (including aircraft), and other logistics services in support of civilian-controlled law enforcement operations.

Sec. 2. *Additional Physical Barriers.* The Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security shall immediately take all appropriate action, consistent with law, including 10 U.S.C. 2214, to construct additional physical barriers along the southern border. To the extent possible, the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security shall coordinate with any Governor of a State that is willing to assist with the deployment of any physical infrastructure to improve operational security at the southern border.

Sec. 3. *Unmanned Aerial Systems.* The Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission shall, consistent with applicable law, consider waiving all applicable Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Communications Commission regulations or policies, respectively, that restrict the Department of Homeland Security's ability to counter unmanned aerial systems within 5 miles of the southern border.

Sec. 4. *Revision of Policies and Strategies.* The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall take all appropriate action, consistent with law, to prioritize the impedance and denial of the unauthorized physical entry of aliens across the southern border of the United States, and to ensure that use of force policies prioritize the safety and security of Department of Homeland Security personnel and of members of the Armed Forces.

Sec. 5. *Revocation.* Proclamation 10142 of January 20, 2021 (Termination of Emergency With Respect to the Southern Border of the United States and Redirection of Funds Diverted to Border Wall Construction), is hereby revoked.

Sec. 6. *Reporting Requirement.* (a) Within 30 days of the date of this proclamation, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the President, through the Homeland Security Advisor, a report outlining all actions taken to fulfill the requirements and objectives of this proclamation; and

(b) Within 90 days of the date of this proclamation, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a joint report to the President about the conditions at the southern border of the United States and any recommendations regarding additional actions that may be necessary to obtain complete operational control of the southern border, including whether to invoke the Insurrection Act of 1807.

Sec. 7. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

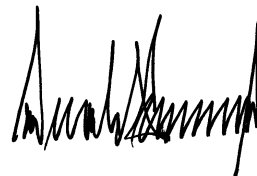
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

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

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

(c) This proclamation 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.

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

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Presidential Documents

Proclamation 10887 of January 20, 2025

Granting Pardons and Commutation of Sentences for Certain Offenses Relating to the Events at or Near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

This proclamation ends a grave national injustice that has been perpetrated upon the American people over the last four years and begins a process of national reconciliation.

Acting pursuant to the grant of authority in Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of the United States, I do hereby:

(a) commute the sentences of the following individuals convicted of offenses related to events that occurred at or near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, to time served as of January 20, 2025:

- Stewart Rhodes
- Kelly Meggs
- Kenneth Harrelson
- Thomas Caldwell
- Jessica Watkins
- Roberto Minuta
- Edward Vallejo
- David Moerschel
- Joseph Hackett
- Ethan Nordean
- Joseph Biggs
- Zachary Rehl
- Dominic Pezzola
- Jeremy Bertino

(b) grant a full, complete and unconditional pardon to all other individuals convicted of offenses related to events that occurred at or near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021;

The Attorney General shall administer and effectuate the immediate issuance of certificates of pardon to all individuals described in section (b) above, and shall ensure that all individuals convicted of offenses related to events that occurred at or near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, who are currently held in prison are released immediately. The Bureau of Prisons shall immediately implement all instructions from the Department of Justice regarding this directive.

I further direct the Attorney General to pursue dismissal with prejudice to the government of all pending indictments against individuals for their conduct related to the events at or near the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. The Bureau of Prisons shall immediately implement all instructions from the Department of Justice regarding this directive.

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

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Presidential Documents

Proclamation 10888 of January 20, 2025

Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby proclaim:

An essential feature of any sovereign nation is the existence of territorial boundaries and the inherent authority to decide who and what may cross those boundaries. The Supreme Court of the United States has described this power as a “fundamental act of sovereignty,” which “stems not alone from legislative power but is inherent in the executive power to control the foreign affairs of the nation.” *U.S. ex rel. Knauff v. Shaughnessy*, 338 U.S. 537, 542 (1950). The Supreme Court has recognized the inherent right and duty of the Executive Branch to defend our national sovereignty, stating that “[w]hen Congress prescribes a procedure concerning the admissibility of aliens, it is not dealing alone with a legislative power. It is implementing an inherent executive power.” *Id.*

The Congress has, in establishing “an uniform Rule of Naturalization,” created a complex and comprehensive Federal scheme in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, to control the entry and exit of people and goods across the borders of the United States. In routine circumstances, this complex and comprehensive scheme can protect the national sovereignty of the United States by facilitating the admission of individuals whose presence serves the national interest and preventing the admission of those who do not, such as those aliens who pose threats to public health, section 212(a)(1) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1); safety, section 212(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)); and national security, section 212(a)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)). Prospective immigrants who use the visa system are screened for such health, safety, and security concerns while outside of the United States, and are not permitted to enter the United States until they establish that they are eligible to be admitted as a matter of law and should be admitted as a matter of discretion.

But screening under those provisions of the INA can be wholly ineffective in the border environment, where access to necessary information is limited for aliens who have traveled from countries around the world to enter the United States illegally, or when the system is overwhelmed, leading to the unauthorized entry of innumerable illegal aliens into the United States.

Due to significant information gaps—particularly in the border environment—and processing times, Federal officials do not have the ability to verify with certainty the criminal record or national-security risks associated with the illegal entry of every alien at the southern border, as required by section 212(a)(2)–(3) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)–(3). Nor do aliens who illegally cross the southern border readily provide comprehensive background information from their home countries to Federal law enforcement officials.

The public safety and national security risks in such an environment are heightened by the presence of, and control of territory by, international cartels and other transnational criminal organizations on the other side of the southern border, as well as terrorists and other malign actors who intend to harm the United States and the American people. And the risks

associated with these issues are greatly exacerbated when the number of aliens illegally crossing the southern border increases to levels that prevent actual operational control of the border.

The same is true for public health, where the Federal Government currently lacks an effective operational capability to screen all illegal aliens crossing the southern border for communicable diseases of public-health concern, as required by section 212(a)(1) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1). Effectively no aliens who illegally enter the United States provide Federal officials at the southern border with their comprehensive health information, as a lawful immigrant would. As a result, innumerable aliens potentially carrying communicable diseases of public health significance illegally cross the southern border and enter communities across the United States.

Over the last 4 years, at least 8 million illegal aliens were encountered along the southern border of the United States, and countless millions more evaded detection and illegally entered the United States. The sheer number of aliens entering the United States has overwhelmed the system and rendered many of the INA's provisions ineffective, including those previously described that are intended to prevent aliens posing threats to public health, safety, and national security from entering the United States. As a result, millions of aliens who potentially pose significant threats to health, safety, and national security have moved into communities nationwide.

This ongoing influx of illegal aliens across the southern border of the United States has placed significant costs and constraints upon the States, which have collectively spent billions of dollars in providing medical care and related human services, and have spent considerable amounts on increased law enforcement costs associated with the presence of these illegal aliens within their boundaries.

In joining the Union, the States agreed to surrender much of their sovereignty and join the Union in exchange for the Federal Government's promise in Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, to "protect each of [the States] against Invasion." I have determined that the current state of the southern border reveals that the Federal Government has failed in fulfilling this obligation to the States and hereby declare that an invasion is ongoing at the southern border, which requires the Federal Government to take measures to fulfill its obligation to the States.

The INA provides the President with certain emergency tools. For example, it states that "[w]henver the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate." 8 U.S.C. 1182(f). This statute "exudes deference to the President in every clause." *Trump v. Hawaii*, 585 U.S. 667, 684 (2018). Further, the INA renders it unlawful for "any alien to depart from or enter or attempt to depart from or enter the United States except under such reasonable rules, regulations, and orders, and subject to such limitations and exceptions as the President may prescribe." 8 U.S.C. 1185(a)(1).

Historically, Presidents have used these statutory authorities to deny entry of designated classes and categories of aliens into the United States through ports of entry. But if the President has the power to deny entry of any alien into the United States, and to impose any restrictions as he may deem appropriate, this authority necessarily includes the right to deny the physical entry of aliens into the United States and impose restrictions on access to portions of the immigration system, particularly when the number of aliens illegally crossing the southern border prevents the Federal Government from obtaining operational control of the border.

The INA does not, however, occupy the Federal Government's field of authority to protect the sovereignty of the United States, particularly in times

of emergency when entire provisions of the INA are rendered ineffective by operational constraints, such as when there is an ongoing invasion into the States. The President's inherent powers to control the borders of the United States, including those deriving from his authority to control the foreign affairs of the United States, necessarily include the ability to prevent the physical entry of aliens involved in an invasion into the United States, and to rapidly repatriate them to an alternative location. Only through such measures can the President guarantee the right of each State to be protected against invasion.

By the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, I have determined that the current situation at the southern border qualifies as an invasion under Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States. Accordingly, I am issuing this Proclamation based on my express and inherent powers in Article II of the Constitution of the United States, and in faithful execution of the immigration laws passed by the Congress, and suspending the physical entry of aliens involved in an invasion into the United States across the southern border until I determine that the invasion has concluded.

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 sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, hereby direct as follows:

Section 1. *Suspension of Entry.* I hereby proclaim, pursuant to sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), that the entry into the United States on or after the date of this order of aliens engaged in the invasion across the southern border is detrimental to the interests of the United States. I therefore direct that entry into the United States of such aliens be suspended until I issue a finding that the invasion at the southern border has ceased.

Sec. 2. *Imposition of Restrictions on Entry for Aliens Invading the United States.* I hereby proclaim, pursuant to sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), that aliens engaged in the invasion across the southern border of the United States on or after the date of this proclamation are restricted from invoking provisions of the INA that would permit their continued presence in the United States, including, but not limited to, section 208 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1158, until I issue a finding that the invasion at the southern border has ceased.

Sec. 3. *Suspension of and Restriction on Entry for Aliens Posing Public Health, Safety, or National Security Risks.* I hereby proclaim, pursuant to sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), that the entry into the United States, on or after the date of this order, of any alien who fails, before entering the United States, to provide Federal officials with sufficient medical information and reliable criminal history and background information as to enable fulfillment of the requirements of sections 212(a)(1)–(3) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(1)–(3), is detrimental to the interests of the United States. I therefore direct that entry into the United States of such aliens be suspended and restrict their access to provisions of the INA that would permit their continued presence in the United States, including, but not limited to, section 208 of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1158.

Sec. 4. *Constitutional Suspension of Physical Entry.* Under the authorities provided to me under Article II of the Constitution of the United States, including my control over foreign affairs, and to effectuate the guarantee of protection against invasion required by Article IV, Section 4, I hereby suspend the physical entry of any alien engaged in the invasion across the southern border of the United States, and direct the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, to take appropriate actions as may be necessary to achieve the

objectives of this proclamation, until I issue a finding that the invasion at the southern border has ceased.

Sec. 5. *Operational Actions to Repel the Invasion.* The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, shall take all appropriate action to repel, repatriate, or remove any alien engaged in the invasion across the southern border of the United States on or after the date of this order, whether as an exercise of the suspension power in section 212(f) and 215(a) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), or as an exercise of my delegated authority under the Constitution of the United States, until I issue a finding that the invasion at the southern border has ceased.

Sec. 6. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

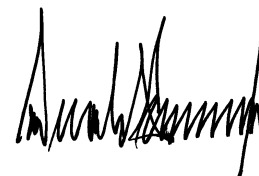
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

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

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

(c) This proclamation 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.

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



Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14150 of January 20, 2025

America First Policy Directive to the Secretary of State

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. From this day forward, the foreign policy of the United States shall champion core American interests and always put America and American citizens first.

Sec. 2. Policy. As soon as practicable, the Secretary of State shall issue guidance bringing the Department of State's policies, programs, personnel, and operations in line with an America First foreign policy, which puts America and its interests first.

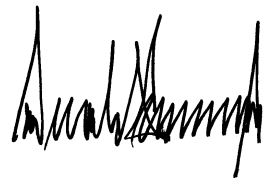
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(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency; or

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14151 of January 20, 2025

Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy. The Biden Administration forced illegal and immoral discrimination programs, going by the name “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (DEI), into virtually all aspects of the Federal Government, in areas ranging from airline safety to the military. This was a concerted effort stemming from President Biden’s first day in office, when he issued Executive Order 13985, “Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.”

Pursuant to Executive Order 13985 and follow-on orders, nearly every Federal agency and entity submitted “Equity Action Plans” to detail the ways that they have furthered DEI’s infiltration of the Federal Government. The public release of these plans demonstrated immense public waste and shameful discrimination. That ends today. Americans deserve a government committed to serving every person with equal dignity and respect, and to expending precious taxpayer resources only on making America great.

Sec. 2. Implementation. (a) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), assisted by the Attorney General and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), shall coordinate the termination of all discriminatory programs, including illegal DEI and “diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility” (DEIA) mandates, policies, programs, preferences, and activities in the Federal Government, under whatever name they appear. To carry out this directive, the Director of OPM, with the assistance of the Attorney General as requested, shall review and revise, as appropriate, all existing Federal employment practices, union contracts, and training policies or programs to comply with this order. Federal employment practices, including Federal employee performance reviews, shall reward individual initiative, skills, performance, and hard work and shall not under any circumstances consider DEI or DEIA factors, goals, policies, mandates, or requirements.

(b) Each agency, department, or commission head, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of OMB, and the Director of OPM, as appropriate, shall take the following actions within sixty days of this order:

(i) terminate, to the maximum extent allowed by law, all DEI, DEIA, and “environmental justice” offices and positions (including but not limited to “Chief Diversity Officer” positions); all “equity action plans,” “equity” actions, initiatives, or programs, “equity-related” grants or contracts; and all DEI or DEIA performance requirements for employees, contractors, or grantees.

(ii) provide the Director of the OMB with a list of all:

(A) agency or department DEI, DEIA, or “environmental justice” positions, committees, programs, services, activities, budgets, and expenditures in existence on November 4, 2024, and an assessment of whether these positions, committees, programs, services, activities, budgets, and expenditures have been misleadingly relabeled in an attempt to preserve their pre-November 4, 2024 function;

(B) Federal contractors who have provided DEI training or DEI training materials to agency or department employees; and

(C) Federal grantees who received Federal funding to provide or advance DEI, DEIA, or “environmental justice” programs, services, or activities since January 20, 2021.

(iii) direct the deputy agency or department head to:

(A) assess the operational impact (e.g., the number of new DEI hires) and cost of the prior administration’s DEI, DEIA, and “environmental justice” programs and policies; and

(B) recommend actions, such as Congressional notifications under 28 U.S.C. 530D, to align agency or department programs, activities, policies, regulations, guidance, employment practices, enforcement activities, contracts (including set-asides), grants, consent orders, and litigating positions with the policy of equal dignity and respect identified in section 1 of this order. The agency or department head and the Director of OMB shall jointly ensure that the deputy agency or department head has the authority and resources needed to carry out this directive.

(c) To inform and advise the President, so that he may formulate appropriate and effective civil-rights policies for the Executive Branch, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall convene a monthly meeting attended by the Director of OMB, the Director of OPM, and each deputy agency or department head to:

(i) hear reports on the prevalence and the economic and social costs of DEI, DEIA, and “environmental justice” in agency or department programs, activities, policies, regulations, guidance, employment practices, enforcement activities, contracts (including set-asides), grants, consent orders, and litigating positions;

(ii) discuss any barriers to measures to comply with this order; and

(iii) monitor and track agency and department progress and identify potential areas for additional Presidential or legislative action to advance the policy of equal dignity and respect.

Sec. 3. Severability. If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14152 of January 20, 2025

Holding Former Government Officials Accountable for Election Interference and Improper Disclosure of Sensitive Governmental Information

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. In the closing weeks of the 2020 Presidential campaign, at least 51 former intelligence officials coordinated with the Biden campaign to issue a letter discrediting the reporting that President Joseph R. Biden's son had abandoned his laptop at a computer repair business. Signatories of the letter falsely suggested that the news story was part of a Russian disinformation campaign.

Before being issued, the letter was sent to the CIA Prepublication Classification Review Board, the body typically assigned to formally evaluate the sensitive nature of documents prior to publication. Senior CIA officials were made aware of the contents of the letter, and multiple signatories held clearances at the time and maintained ongoing contractual relationships with the CIA.

Federal policymakers must be able to rely on analysis conducted by the Intelligence Community and be confident that it is accurate, crafted with professionalism, and free from politically motivated engineering to affect political outcomes in the United States. The signatories willfully weaponized the gravitas of the Intelligence Community to manipulate the political process and undermine our democratic institutions. This fabrication of the imprimatur of the Intelligence Community to suppress information essential to the American people during a Presidential election is an egregious breach of trust reminiscent of a third world country. And now the faith of Americans in all other patriotic intelligence professionals who are sworn to protect the Nation has been imperiled.

National security is also damaged by the publication of classified information. Former National Security Advisor John R. Bolton published a memoir for monetary gain after he was terminated from his White House position in 2019. The book was rife with sensitive information drawn from his time in government. The memoir's reckless treatment of sensitive information undermined the ability of future presidents to request and obtain candid advice on matters of national security from their staff. Publication also created a grave risk that classified material was publicly exposed.

To remedy these abuses of the public trust, this Order directs the revocation of any active or current security clearances held by: (i) the former intelligence officials who engaged in misleading and inappropriate political coordination with the 2020 Biden presidential campaign; and (ii) John R. Bolton.

Sec. 2. Policy. (a) It is the policy of the United States to ensure that the Intelligence Community not be engaged in partisan politics or otherwise used by a U.S. political campaign for electioneering purposes. The term "Intelligence Community" has the meaning given the term in section 3003 of title 50, United States Code.

(b) It is the policy of the United States that individuals who hold government-issued security clearances should not use their clearance status to influence U.S. elections.

(c) It is the policy of the United States that classified information not be publicly disclosed in memoirs, especially those published for personal monetary gain.

Sec. 3. *Implementation.* (a) Effective immediately, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, shall revoke any current or active clearances held by the following individuals:

- (1) James R. Clapper Jr.
- (2) Michael V. Hayden
- (3) Leon E. Panetta
- (4) John O. Brennan
- (5) C. Thomas Fingar
- (6) Richard H. Ledgett Jr.
- (7) John E. McLaughlin
- (8) Michael J. Morell
- (9) Michael G. Vickers
- (10) Douglas H. Wise
- (11) Nicholas J. Rasmussen
- (12) Russell E. Travers
- (13) Andrew Liepman
- (14) John H. Moseman
- (15) Larry Pfeiffer
- (16) Jeremy B. Bash
- (17) Rodney Snyder
- (18) Glenn S. Gerstell
- (19) David B. Buckley
- (20) Nada G. Bakos
- (21) James B. Bruce
- (22) David S. Cariens
- (23) Janice Cariens
- (24) Paul R. Kolbe
- (25) Peter L. Corsell
- (26) Roger Z. George
- (27) Steven L. Hall
- (28) Kent Harrington
- (29) Don Hepburn
- (30) Timothy D. Kilbourn
- (31) Ronald A. Marks
- (32) Jonna H. Mendez
- (33) Emile Nakhleh
- (34) Gerald A. O'Shea
- (35) David Priess
- (36) Pamela Purcilly
- (37) Marc Polymeropoulos
- (38) Chris Savos

- (39) Nick Shapiro
- (40) John Sipher
- (41) Stephen B. Slick
- (42) Cynthia Strand
- (43) Greg Tarbell
- (44) David Terry
- (45) Gregory F. Treverton
- (46) John D. Tullius
- (47) David A. Vanell
- (48) Winston P. Wiley
- (49) Kristin Wood
- (50) John R. Bolton

Two signatories, Patty Patricia A. Brandmaier and Brett Davis, are deceased.

(b) Within 90 days of this order, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, shall submit a report to the President through the National Security Advisor that details:

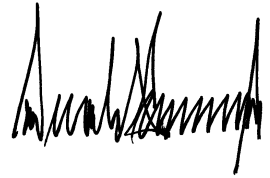
- (i) any additional inappropriate activity that occurred within the Intelligence Community, by anyone contracted by the Intelligence Community or by anyone who held a security clearance, related to the letter signed by the 51 former intelligence officials;
- (ii) recommendations to prevent the Intelligence Community or anyone who works for or within it from inappropriately influencing domestic elections; and
- (iii) any disciplinary action—including the termination of security clearances—that should be taken against anyone who engaged in inappropriate conduct related to the letter signed by the 51 former intelligence officials.

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.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14153 of January 20, 2025

Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. *Background.* The State of Alaska holds an abundant and largely untapped supply of natural resources including, among others, energy, mineral, timber, and seafood. Unlocking this bounty of natural wealth will raise the prosperity of our citizens while helping to enhance our Nation's economic and national security for generations to come. By developing these resources to the fullest extent possible, we can help deliver price relief for Americans, create high-quality jobs for our citizens, ameliorate our trade imbalances, augment the Nation's exercise of global energy dominance, and guard against foreign powers weaponizing energy supplies in theaters of geopolitical conflict.

Unleashing this opportunity, however, requires an immediate end to the assault on Alaska's sovereignty and its ability to responsibly develop these resources for the benefit of the Nation. It is, therefore, imperative to immediately reverse the punitive restrictions implemented by the previous administration that specifically target resource development on both State and Federal lands in Alaska.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* It is the policy of the United States to:

(a) fully avail itself of Alaska's vast lands and resources for the benefit of the Nation and the American citizens who call Alaska home;

(b) efficiently and effectively maximize the development and production of the natural resources located on both Federal and State lands within Alaska;

(c) expedite the permitting and leasing of energy and natural resource projects in Alaska; and

(d) prioritize the development of Alaska's liquified natural gas (LNG) potential, including the sale and transportation of Alaskan LNG to other regions of the United States and allied nations within the Pacific region.

Sec. 3. *Specific Agency Actions.* (a) The heads of all executive departments and agencies, including but not limited to the Secretary of the Interior; the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; and the Secretary of the Army acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Public Works, shall exercise all lawful authority and discretion available to them and take all necessary steps to:

(i) rescind, revoke, revise, amend, defer, or grant exemptions from any and all regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions that are inconsistent with the policy set forth in section 2 of this order, including but not limited to agency actions promulgated, issued, or adopted between January 20, 2021, and January 20, 2025; and

(ii) prioritize the development of Alaska's LNG potential, including the permitting of all necessary pipeline and export infrastructure related to the Alaska LNG Project, giving due consideration to the economic and national security benefits associated with such development.

(b) In addition to the actions outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall exercise all lawful authority and discretion available to him and take all necessary steps to:

(i) withdraw Secretarial Order 3401 dated June 1, 2021 (Comprehensive Analysis and Temporary Halt on All Activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Relating to the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program);

(ii) rescind the cancellation of any leases within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, other than such lease cancellations as the Secretary of the Interior determines are consistent with the policy interests described in section 2 of this order, initiate additional leasing through the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and issue all permits, right-of-way permits, and easements necessary for the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas from leases within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;

(iii) rescind the final supplemental environmental impact statement entitled “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the Final Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 88805 (November 8, 2024);

(iv) place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges granted to any party pursuant to the record of decision signed on December 8, 2024, entitled “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 101042 (December 13, 2024), in order to review such record of decision in light of alleged legal deficiencies and for consideration of relevant public interests, and, as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of such deficiencies, interests, and environmental impacts;

(v) reinstate the final environmental impact statement entitled “Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability,” 84 *Fed. Reg.* 50472 (September 25, 2019);

(vi) reinstate the record of decision signed on August 21, 2020, entitled “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision,” which is referred to in “Notice of 2021 Coastal Plain Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale and Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 78865 (December 7, 2020);

(vii) evaluate changes to, including the potential rescission of, Public Land Order 5150, signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior on December 28, 1971, and any subsequent amendments, modifications, or corrections to it;

(viii) place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges granted to any party pursuant to the record of decision signed on June 27, 2024, entitled “Ambler Road Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the Ambler Road Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 32458 (April 26, 2024), in order to review such record of decision in light of alleged legal deficiencies and for consideration of relevant public interests and, as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of such deficiencies, interests, and environmental impacts; and reinstate the record of decision signed on July 23, 2020, by the Bureau of Land Management and United States Army Corps of Engineers entitled “Ambler Road Environmental Impact Statement Joint Record of Decision,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 45440 (July 28, 2020);

(ix) rescind the Bureau of Land Management final rule entitled “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 38712 (May 7, 2024);

(x) rescind any guidance issued by the Bureau of Land Management related to implementation of protection of subsistence resource values in the existing special areas and proposed new and modified special areas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, as published on their website on January 16, 2025;

(xi) facilitate the expedited development of a road corridor between the community of King Cove and the all-weather airport located in Cold Bay;

(xii) place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges granted to any party pursuant to the record of decision signed on April 25, 2022, entitled “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision,” (NEPA No. DOI-BLM-AK-R000-2019-0001-EIS), in order to review such record of decision in light of alleged legal deficiencies and for consideration of relevant public interests and, as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of such deficiencies, interests, and environmental impacts;

(xiii) rescind the Bureau of Land Management final rule entitled “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 38712 (May 7, 2024), and rescind the Bureau of Land Management notice entitled “Special Areas Within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 58181 (July 17, 2024);

(xiv) reinstate Secretarial Order 3352 dated May 17, 2017 (National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska), which is referred to in “Final Report: Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy,” 82 *Fed. Reg.* 50532 (November 1, 2017), and the record of decision signed on December 31, 2020, entitled “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision,” which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 38388 (June 26, 2020);

(xv) reinstate the following Public Land Orders in their original form:

a. Public Land Order No. 7899, signed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 11, 2021;

b. Public Land Order No. 7900, signed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 2021;

c. Public Land Order No. 7901, signed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 2021;

d. Public Land Order No. 7902, signed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 15, 2021;

e. Public Land Order No. 7903, signed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 2021; and

f. any other such Public Land Order that the Secretary of the Interior determines would further the policy interests described in section 2 of this order.

(xvi) immediately review all Department of the Interior guidance regarding the taking of Alaska Native lands into trust and all Public Land Orders withdrawing lands for selection by Alaska Native Corporations to determine if any such agency action should be revoked to ensure the Department of the Interior’s actions are consistent with the Alaska Statehood Act of 1958 (Public Law 85–508), the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*), the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*), the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act (Public Law 108–452), and the Alaska Native Vietnam-

era Veterans Land Allotment Program under section 1629g–1 of title 43, United States Code.

(xvii) rescind the record of decision “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan,” signed on November 12, 2024, which is referred to in “Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan for the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 92716 (November 22, 2024);

(xviii) reimplement the draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement referenced in the National Park Service notice entitled “Notice of Availability for the Central Yukon Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 80143 (December 11, 2020);

(xix) rescind the National Park Service final rule entitled “Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves,” 89 *Fed. Reg.* 55059 (July 3, 2024), and reinstate the National Park Service final rule entitled “Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 35181 (June 9, 2020), in its original form;

(xx) deny the pending request to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to establish indigenous sacred site in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;

(xxi) immediately conduct a review of waterways in the State of Alaska and direct the Bureau of Land Management, in consultation with the State of Alaska, to provide recommendations of navigable waterways subject to the equal footing doctrine and the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1301 *et seq.*, and prepare Recordable Disclaimers of Interest pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1745, to restore ownership of said waterways to the State as appropriate;

(xxii) direct all bureaus of the Department of the Interior to consider the Alaskan cultural significance of hunting and fishing and the statutory priority of subsistence management required by the ANILCA, to conduct meaningful consultation with the State fish and wildlife management agencies prior to enacting land management plans or other regulations that affect the ability of Alaskans to hunt and fish on public lands, and to ensure to the greatest extent possible that hunting and fishing opportunities on Federal lands are consistent with similar opportunities on State lands; and

(xxiii) identify and assess, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, the authorities and public and private resources necessary to immediately achieve the development and export of energy resources from Alaska—including but not limited to the long-term viability of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the associated Federal right-of-way as an energy corridor of critical national importance—to advance the Nation’s domestic and regional energy dominance, and submit that assessment to the President.

(c) In addition to the actions outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall place a temporary moratorium on all activities and privileges authorized by the final rule and record of decision entitled “Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska,” 88 *Fed. Reg.* 5252 (January 27, 2023), in order to review such rule and record of decision in light of alleged legal deficiencies and for consideration of relevant public interests and, as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of such deficiencies, interests, and environmental impacts. Further, the Secretary of Agriculture shall reinstate the final rule entitled “Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation; National Forest System Lands in Alaska,” 85 *Fed. Reg.* 68688 (October 29, 2020).

(d) In addition to the actions outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the

Army for Civil Works, shall render all assistance requested by the Governor of Alaska to facilitate the clearing and maintenance of transportation infrastructure, consistent with applicable law. All such requests for assistance shall be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Interior, and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy for approval prior to initiation.

(e) The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, under the direction of the Secretary of the Army, shall immediately review, revise, or rescind any agency action that may in any way hinder, slow or otherwise delay any critical project in the State of Alaska.

(f) The Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, shall immediately review, revise or rescind any agency action that may in any way hinder, slow or otherwise delay any critical project in the State of Alaska.

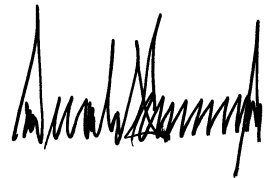
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14154 of January 20, 2025

Unleashing American Energy

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. *Background.* America is blessed with an abundance of energy and natural resources that have historically powered our Nation's economic prosperity. In recent years, burdensome and ideologically motivated regulations have impeded the development of these resources, limited the generation of reliable and affordable electricity, reduced job creation, and inflicted high energy costs upon our citizens. These high energy costs devastate American consumers by driving up the cost of transportation, heating, utilities, farming, and manufacturing, while weakening our national security.

It is thus in the national interest to unleash America's affordable and reliable energy and natural resources. This will restore American prosperity—including for those men and women who have been forgotten by our economy in recent years. It will also rebuild our Nation's economic and military security, which will deliver peace through strength.

Sec. 2. *Policy.* It is the policy of the United States:

(a) to encourage energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to meet the needs of our citizens and solidify the United States as a global energy leader long into the future;

(b) to establish our position as the leading producer and processor of non-fuel minerals, including rare earth minerals, which will create jobs and prosperity at home, strengthen supply chains for the United States and its allies, and reduce the global influence of malign and adversarial states;

(c) to protect the United States's economic and national security and military preparedness by ensuring that an abundant supply of reliable energy is readily accessible in every State and territory of the Nation;

(d) to ensure that all regulatory requirements related to energy are grounded in clearly applicable law;

(e) to eliminate the "electric vehicle (EV) mandate" and promote true consumer choice, which is essential for economic growth and innovation, by removing regulatory barriers to motor vehicle access; by ensuring a level regulatory playing field for consumer choice in vehicles; by terminating, where appropriate, state emissions waivers that function to limit sales of gasoline-powered automobiles; and by considering the elimination of unfair subsidies and other ill-conceived government-imposed market distortions that favor EVs over other technologies and effectively mandate their purchase by individuals, private businesses, and government entities alike by rendering other types of vehicles unaffordable;

(f) to safeguard the American people's freedom to choose from a variety of goods and appliances, including but not limited to lightbulbs, dishwashers, washing machines, gas stoves, water heaters, toilets, and shower heads, and to promote market competition and innovation within the manufacturing and appliance industries;

(g) to ensure that the global effects of a rule, regulation, or action shall, whenever evaluated, be reported separately from its domestic costs and

benefits, in order to promote sound regulatory decision making and prioritize the interests of the American people;

(h) to guarantee that all executive departments and agencies (agencies) provide opportunity for public comment and rigorous, peer-reviewed scientific analysis; and

(i) to ensure that no Federal funding be employed in a manner contrary to the principles outlined in this section, unless required by law.

Sec. 3. *Immediate Review of All Agency Actions that Potentially Burden the Development of Domestic Energy Resources.* (a) The heads of all agencies shall review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, settlements, consent orders, and any other agency actions (collectively, agency actions) to identify those agency actions that impose an undue burden on the identification, development, or use of domestic energy resources—with particular attention to oil, natural gas, coal, hydropower, biofuels, critical mineral, and nuclear energy resources—or that are otherwise inconsistent with the policy set forth in section 2 of this order, including restrictions on consumer choice of vehicles and appliances.

(b) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the head of each agency shall, in consultation with the director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the National Economic Council (NEC), develop and begin implementing action plans to suspend, revise, or rescind all agency actions identified as unduly burdensome under subsection (a) of this section, as expeditiously as possible and consistent with applicable law. The head of any agency who determines that such agency does not have agency actions described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit to the Director of OMB a written statement to that effect and, absent a determination by the Director of OMB that such agency does have agency actions described in this subsection, shall have no further responsibilities under this section.

(c) Agencies shall promptly notify the Attorney General of any steps taken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section so that the Attorney General may, as appropriate:

(i) provide notice of this Executive Order and any such actions to any court with jurisdiction over pending litigation in which such actions may be relevant; and

(ii) request that such court stay or otherwise delay further litigation, or seek other appropriate relief consistent with this order, pending the completion of the administrative actions described in this order.

(d) Pursuant to the policy outlined in section 2 of this order, the Attorney General shall consider whether pending litigation against illegal, dangerous, or harmful policies should be resolved through stays or other relief.

Sec. 4. *Revocation of and Revisions to Certain Presidential and Regulatory Actions.* (a) The following are revoked and any offices established therein are abolished:

(i) Executive Order 13990 of January 20, 2021 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis);

(ii) Executive Order 13992 of January 20, 2021 (Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation);

(iii) Executive Order 14008 of January 27, 2021 (Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad);

(iv) Executive Order 14007 of January 27, 2021 (President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology);

(v) Executive Order 14013 of February 4, 2021 (Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration);

(vi) Executive Order 14027 of May 7, 2021 (Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office);

(vii) Executive Order 14030 of May 20, 2021 (Climate-Related Financial Risk);

(viii) Executive Order 14037 of August 5, 2021 (Strengthening American Leadership in Clean Cars and Trucks);

(ix) Executive Order 14057 of December 8, 2021 (Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability);

(x) Executive Order 14072 of April 22, 2022 (Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies);

(xi) Executive Order 14082 of September 12, 2022 (Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022); and

(xii) Executive Order 14096 of April 21, 2023 (Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All).

(b) All activities, programs, and operations associated with the American Climate Corps, including actions taken by any agency shall be terminated immediately. Within one day of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a letter to all parties to the "American Climate Corps Memorandum of Understanding" dated December 2023 to terminate the memorandum, and the head of each party to the memorandum shall agree to the termination in writing.

(c) Any assets, funds, or resources allocated to an entity or program abolished by subsection (a) of this section shall be redirected or disposed of in accordance with applicable law.

(d) The head of any agency that has taken action respecting offices and programs in subsection (a) shall take all necessary steps to ensure that all such actions are terminated or, if necessary, appropriate, or required by law, that such activities are transitioned to other agencies or entities.

(e) Any contract or agreement between the United States and any third party on behalf of the entities or programs abolished in subsection (a) of this section, or in furtherance of them, shall be terminated for convenience, or otherwise, as quickly as permissible under the law.

Sec. 5. *Unleashing Energy Dominance through Efficient Permitting.* (a) Executive Order 11991 of May 24, 1977 (Relating to protection and enhancement of environmental quality) is hereby revoked.

(b) To expedite and simplify the permitting process, within 30 days of the date of this order, the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) shall provide guidance on implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and propose rescinding CEQ's NEPA regulations found at 40 CFR 1500 *et seq.*

(c) Following the provision of the guidance, the Chairman of CEQ shall convene a working group to coordinate the revision of agency-level implementing regulations for consistency. The guidance in subsection (b) and any resulting implementing regulations must expedite permitting approvals and meet deadlines established in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5). Consistent with applicable law, all agencies must prioritize efficiency and certainty over any other objectives, including those of activist groups, that do not align with the policy goals set forth in section 2 of this order or that could otherwise add delays and ambiguity to the permitting process.

(d) The Secretaries of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, Homeland Security, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Chairman of CEQ, and the heads of any other relevant agencies shall undertake all available efforts to eliminate all delays within their respective permitting processes, including through, but not limited to, the use of general permitting and permit by rule. For any project an agency head deems essential for the Nation's economy or national security, agencies shall use all possible

authorities, including emergency authorities, to expedite the adjudication of Federal permits. Agencies shall work closely with project sponsors to realize the ultimate construction or development of permitted projects.

(e) The Director of the NEC and the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs shall jointly prepare recommendations to Congress, which shall:

(i) facilitate the permitting and construction of interstate energy transportation and other critical energy infrastructure, including, but not limited to, pipelines, particularly in regions of the Nation that have lacked such development in recent years; and

(ii) provide greater certainty in the Federal permitting process, including, but not limited to, streamlining the judicial review of the application of NEPA.

Sec. 6. *Prioritizing Accuracy in Environmental Analyses.* (a) In all Federal permitting adjudications or regulatory processes, all agencies shall adhere to only the relevant legislated requirements for environmental considerations and any considerations beyond these requirements are eliminated. In fulfilling all such requirements, agencies shall strictly use the most robust methodologies of assessment at their disposal and shall not use methodologies that are arbitrary or ideologically motivated.

(b) The Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (IWG), which was established pursuant to Executive Order 13990, is hereby disbanded, and any guidance, instruction, recommendation, or document issued by the IWG is withdrawn as no longer representative of governmental policy including:

(i) the Presidential Memorandum of January 27, 2021 (Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policy-making);

(ii) the Report of the Greenhouse Gas Monitoring and Measurement Interagency Working Group of November 2023 (National Strategy to Advance an Integrated U.S. Greenhouse Gas Measurement, Monitoring, and Information System);

(iii) the Technical Support Document of February 2021 (Social Cost of Carbon, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Estimates under Executive Order 13990); and

(iv) estimates of the social cost of greenhouse gases, including the estimates for the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous oxide based, in whole or in part, on the IWG's work or guidance.

(c) The calculation of the "social cost of carbon" is marked by logical deficiencies, a poor basis in empirical science, politicization, and the absence of a foundation in legislation. Its abuse arbitrarily slows regulatory decisions and, by rendering the United States economy internationally uncompetitive, encourages a greater human impact on the environment by affording less efficient foreign energy producers a greater share of the global energy and natural resource market. Consequently, within 60 days of the date of this order, the Administrator of the EPA shall issue guidance to address these harmful and detrimental inadequacies, including consideration of eliminating the "social cost of carbon" calculation from any Federal permitting or regulatory decision.

(d) Prior to the guidance issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, agencies shall ensure estimates to assess the value of changes in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from agency actions, including with respect to the consideration of domestic versus international effects and evaluating appropriate discount rates, are, to the extent permitted by law, consistent with the guidance contained in OMB Circular A-4 of September 17, 2003 (Regulatory Analysis).

(e) Furthermore, the head of each agency shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, initiate a process to make such changes to

any rule, regulation, policy or action as may be necessary to ensure consistency with the Regulatory Analysis.

(f) Within 30 days of the date of this order, the Administrator of the EPA, in collaboration with the heads of any other relevant agencies, shall submit joint recommendations to the Director of OMB on the legality and continuing applicability of the Administrator's findings, "Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act," Final Rule, 74 FR 66496 (December 15, 2009).

Sec. 7. *Terminating the Green New Deal.* (a) All agencies shall immediately pause the disbursement of funds appropriated through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–169) or the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58), including but not limited to funds for electric vehicle charging stations made available through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, and shall review their processes, policies, and programs for issuing grants, loans, contracts, or any other financial disbursements of such appropriated funds for consistency with the law and the policy outlined in section 2 of this order. Within 90 days of the date of this order, all agency heads shall submit a report to the Director of the NEC and Director of OMB that details the findings of this review, including recommendations to enhance their alignment with the policy set forth in section 2. No funds identified in this subsection (a) shall be disbursed by a given agency until the Director of OMB and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy have determined that such disbursements are consistent with any review recommendations they have chosen to adopt.

(b) When procuring goods and services, making decisions about leases, and making other arrangements that result in disbursements of Federal funds, agencies shall prioritize cost-effectiveness, American workers and businesses, and the sensible use of taxpayer money, to the greatest extent. The Director of OMB shall finalize and circulate guidelines to further implement this subsection.

(c) All agencies shall assess whether enforcement discretion of authorities and regulations can be utilized to advance the policy outlined in section 2 of this order. Within 30 days of the date of this order, each agency shall submit a report to the Director of OMB identifying any such instances.

Sec. 8. *Protecting America's National Security.* (a) The Secretary of Energy is directed restart reviews of applications for approvals of liquefied natural gas export projects as expeditiously as possible, consistent with applicable law. In assessing the "Public Interest" to be advanced by any particular application, the Secretary of Energy shall consider the economic and employment impacts to the United States and the impact to the security of allies and partners that would result from granting the application.

(b) With respect to any proposed deepwater port for the export of liquefied natural gas (project) for which a favorable record of decision (ROD) has previously been issued pursuant to the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (DWPA), 33 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) shall, within 30 days of the date of this order and consistent with applicable law, determine whether any refinements to the project proposed subsequent to the ROD are likely to result in adverse environmental consequences that substantially differ from those associated with the originally-evaluated project so as to present a seriously different picture of the foreseeable adverse environmental consequences (seriously different consequences). In making this determination, MARAD shall qualitatively assess any difference in adverse environmental consequences between the project with and without the proposed refinements, including any potential consequences not addressed in the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which shall be considered adequate under NEPA notwithstanding any revisions to NEPA that may have been enacted following the final EIS. MARAD shall submit this determination, together with a detailed justification, to the Secretary of Transportation and to the President.

(c) Pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, if MARAD determines that such refinements are not likely to result in seriously different consequences, it shall include in that determination a description of the refinements to supplement and update the ROD, if necessary and then no later than 30 additional days, he shall issue a DWPA license.

(d) If MARAD determines, with concurrence from the Secretary of Transportation, that such proposed refinements are likely to result in seriously different consequences, it shall, within 60 days after submitting such determination, issue an Environmental Assessment (EA) examining such consequences and, with respect to all other environmental consequences not changed due to project refinements, shall reaffirm the conclusions of the final EIS. Within 30 days after issuing the EA, MARAD shall issue an addendum to the ROD, if necessary, and shall, within 30 additional days, issue a DWPA license consistent with the ROD.

Sec. 9. *Restoring America's Mineral Dominance.* (a) The Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Administrator of the EPA, Chairman of CEQ, and the heads of any other relevant agencies, as appropriate, shall identify all agency actions that impose undue burdens on the domestic mining and processing of non-fuel minerals and undertake steps to revise or rescind such actions.

(b) The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall reassess any public lands withdrawals for potential revision.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior shall instruct the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey to consider updating the Survey's list of critical minerals, including for the potential of including uranium.

(d) The Secretary of the Interior shall prioritize efforts to accelerate the ongoing, detailed geologic mapping of the United States, with a focus on locating previously unknown deposits of critical minerals.

(e) The Secretary of Energy shall ensure that critical mineral projects, including the processing of critical minerals, receive consideration for Federal support, contingent on the availability of appropriated funds.

(f) The United States Trade Representative shall assess whether exploitative practices and state-assisted mineral projects abroad are unlawful or unduly burden or restrict United States commerce.

(g) The Secretary of Commerce shall assess the national security implications of the Nation's mineral reliance and the potential for trade action.

(h) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall assess the quantity and inflow of minerals that are likely the product of forced labor into the United States and whether such inflows pose a threat to national security and, within 90 days of the date of this order, shall provide this assessment to the Director of the NEC.

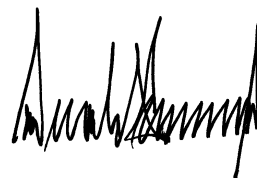
(i) The Secretary of Defense shall consider the needs of the United States in supplying and maintaining the National Defense Stockpile, review the legal authorities and obligations in managing the National Defense Stockpile, and take all appropriate steps to ensure that the National Defense Stockpile will provide a robust supply of critical minerals in event of future shortfall.

(j) Within 60 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of State, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor, the United States Trade Representative, and the heads of any other relevant agencies, shall submit a report to the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy that includes policy recommendations to enhance the competitiveness of American mining and refining companies in other mineral-wealthy nations.

(k) The Secretary of State shall consider opportunities to advance the mining and processing of minerals within the United States through the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.

Sec. 10. *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 OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.
- (b) This order shall be implemented in a manner 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,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14155 of January 20, 2025

Withdrawing the United States From the World Health Organization

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The United States noticed its withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020 due to the organization's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic that arose out of Wuhan, China, and other global health crises, its failure to adopt urgently needed reforms, and its inability to demonstrate independence from the inappropriate political influence of WHO member states. In addition, the WHO continues to demand unfairly onerous payments from the United States, far out of proportion with other countries' assessed payments. China, with a population of 1.4 billion, has 300 percent of the population of the United States, yet contributes nearly 90 percent less to the WHO.

Sec. 2. Actions. (a) The United States intends to withdraw from the WHO. The Presidential Letter to the Secretary-General of the United Nations signed on January 20, 2021, that retracted the United States' July 6, 2020, notification of withdrawal is revoked.

(b) Executive Order 13987 of January 25, 2021 (Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security), is revoked.

(c) The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs shall establish directorates and coordinating mechanisms within the National Security Council apparatus as he deems necessary and appropriate to safeguard public health and fortify biosecurity.

(d) The Secretary of State and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall take appropriate measures, with all practicable speed, to:

- (i) pause the future transfer of any United States Government funds, support, or resources to the WHO;
- (ii) recall and reassign United States Government personnel or contractors working in any capacity with the WHO; and
- (iii) identify credible and transparent United States and international partners to assume necessary activities previously undertaken by the WHO.

(e) The Director of the White House Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy shall review, rescind, and replace the 2024 U.S. Global Health Security Strategy as soon as practicable.

Sec. 3. Notification. The Secretary of State shall immediately inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations, any other applicable depositary, and the leadership of the WHO of the withdrawal.

Sec. 4. Global System Negotiations. While withdrawal is in progress, the Secretary of State will cease negotiations on the WHO Pandemic Agreement and the amendments to the International Health Regulations, and actions taken to effectuate such agreement and amendments will have no binding force on the United States.

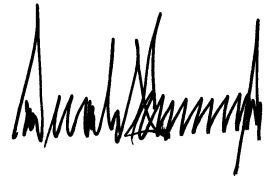
Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(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,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Memorandum of January 20, 2025

Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf From Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects

Memorandum for the Secretary of the Treasury[,], the Attorney General[,], the Secretary of the Interior[,], the Secretary of Agriculture[,], the Secretary of Energy[,], and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Section 1. *Temporary Withdrawal of Areas.* Consistent with the principles of responsible public stewardship that are entrusted to this office, with due consideration for a variety of relevant factors, including the need to foster an energy economy capable of meeting the country's growing demand for reliable energy, the importance of marine life, impacts on ocean currents and wind patterns, effects on energy costs for Americans—especially those who can least afford it—and to ensure that the United States is able to maintain a robust fishing industry for future generations and provide low cost energy to its citizens, I hereby direct as follows:

Under the authority granted to me in section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1341(a), I hereby withdraw from disposition for wind energy leasing all areas within the Offshore Continental Shelf (OCS) as defined in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331. This withdrawal shall go into effect beginning on January 21, 2025, and shall remain in effect until this Presidential Memorandum is revoked.

To the extent that an area is already withdrawn from disposition for wind energy leasing, the area's withdrawal is extended for a time period beginning on January 21, 2025, until this Presidential Memorandum is revoked.

This withdrawal temporarily prevents consideration of any area in the OCS for any new or renewed wind energy leasing for the purposes of generation of electricity or any other such use derived from the use of wind. This withdrawal does not apply to leasing related to any other purposes such as, but not limited to, oil, gas, minerals, and environmental conservation.

Nothing in this withdrawal affects rights under existing leases in the withdrawn areas. With respect to such existing leases, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Attorney General as needed, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the ecological, economic, and environmental necessity of terminating or amending any existing wind energy leases, identifying any legal bases for such removal, and submit a report with recommendations to the President, through the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

Sec. 2. *Temporary Cessation and Immediate Review of Federal Wind Leasing and Permitting Practices.* (a) In light of various alleged legal deficiencies underlying the Federal Government's leasing and permitting of onshore and offshore wind projects, the consequences of which may lead to grave harm—including negative impacts on navigational safety interests, transportation interests, national security interests, commercial interests, and marine mammals—and in light of potential inadequacies in various environmental reviews required by the National Environmental Policy Act to lease or permit

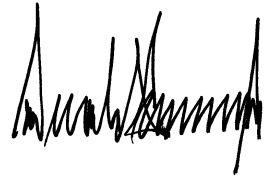
wind projects, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the heads of all other relevant agencies, shall not issue new or renewed approvals, rights of way, permits, leases, or loans for onshore or offshore wind projects pending the completion of a comprehensive assessment and review of Federal wind leasing and permitting practices. The Secretary of the Interior shall lead that assessment and review in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Secretary of Energy, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The assessment shall consider the environmental impact of onshore and offshore wind projects upon wildlife, including, but not limited to, birds and marine mammals. The assessment shall also consider the economic costs associated with the intermittent generation of electricity and the effect of subsidies on the viability of the wind industry.

(b) In light of criticism that the Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the Bureau of Land Management on December 5, 2024, with respect to the Lava Ridge Wind Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as approved by the Department of the Interior, is allegedly contrary to the public interest and suffers from legal deficiencies, the Secretary of the Interior shall, as appropriate, place a temporary moratorium on all activities and rights of Magic Valley Energy, LLC, or any other party under the ROD, including, but not limited to, any rights-of-way or rights of development or operation of any projects contemplated in the ROD. The Secretary of the Interior shall review the ROD and, as appropriate, conduct a new, comprehensive analysis of the various interests implicated by the Lava Ridge Wind Project and the potential environmental impacts.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Energy, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall assess the environmental impact and cost to surrounding communities of defunct and idle windmills and deliver a report to the President, through the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, with their findings and recommended authorities to require the removal of such windmills.

(d) The Attorney General may, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, provide notice of this order to any court with jurisdiction over pending litigation related to any aspect of the Federal leasing or permitting of onshore or offshore wind projects or the Lava Ridge Wind Project, and may, in the Attorney General's discretion, request that the court stay the litigation or otherwise delay further litigation, or seek other appropriate relief consistent with this order, pending the completion of the actions described in subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section, as applicable. This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

This memorandum 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. You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 20, 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 51

[Doc. No. AMS–SC–23–0009]

RIN 0581–AE32

Section 8e Import Inspection Fee Structure

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document delays the effective date of the December 30, 2024, final rule revising the regulations governing the inspection and certification for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products by amending certain fees charged for Section 8e import inspections. These revisions recover, as nearly as practicable, the costs of performing inspection services on imported commodities in accordance with the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

DATES: As of January 29, 2025, the effective date of the final rule amending 7 CFR part 51, published on December 30, 2024 (89 FR 106231), is delayed until March 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Standardization Branch, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Training and Development Center; 100 Riverside Parkway, Suite 101; Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406; fax: (540) 361–1199, or via the internet at: <https://www.regulations.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President to executive departments and agencies, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending

Review,”¹ this document temporarily delays the effective date of the rule titled, “Section 8e Import Inspection Fee Structure,” which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2024 (89 FR 106231). The rule revised the regulations concerning fees charged for Section 8e import inspections from a per-carlot basis to a per-pound basis, reducing the fee for each additional subplot by 50 percent, and establishing a new fee calculation for lots less than a carlot. These revisions would enable AMS to recover, as nearly as practicable, the costs of performing inspection services on imported fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products in accordance with the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

This action is exempt from notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553 and is applicable immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register**, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), respectively. Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the President’s memorandum of January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

7 CFR Parts 1910, 1955, and 3560

[Docket No. RHS–24–MFH–0042]

RIN 0575–AD30

Multifamily Housing Program Update to the Credit Report Process

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a final rule on December 31, 2024, to update its regulation on how credit reports are obtained for the purposes of determining eligibility and feasibility for Multifamily Housing (MFH) Programs. The effective date of that final rule was January 30, 2025. This document delays the effective date of the final rule by 60 days.

DATES: As of January 29, 2025, the effective date of the final rule published on December 31, 2024, at 89 FR 106977, is delayed until March 31, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby Boggs, Branch Chief, Program Support Branch, Production and Preservation Division, Multifamily Housing, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, telephone: 615–490–1371; or email: Abby.Boggs@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President to executive departments and agencies, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” this action temporarily delays the effective date of the rule entitled “Multifamily Housing Program Update to the Credit Report Process” published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024, at 89 FR 106977. That rule made changes to 7 CFR part 3560 to require that in lieu of applicants and borrowers submitting credit report fees, the Agency will require applicants and borrowers to provide the credit report(s). The final rule also includes conforming changes to rescind 7 CFR part 1910, subparts B and C, and 7 CFR 1955.118, which are outdated.

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/regulatory-freeze-pending-review/>.

This action is exempt from notice and comment under 5 U.S.C. 553 and is effective immediately upon publication in this issue of the **Federal Register**, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), respectively. Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the President's memorandum of January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations. The imminence of the effective date is also good cause for making this action effective immediately upon publication.

Angilla Denton,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1221

[Docket No. CPSC-2011-0064]

Safety Standard for Play Yards

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: In August 2012, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a consumer product safety standard for play yards pursuant to section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The Commission's mandatory standard incorporates by reference ASTM F406, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards*, with modifications that exclude sections of ASTM F406 that apply to non-full-size (NFS) cribs exclusively. The CPSIA sets forth a process for updating mandatory standards for durable infant or toddler products that are based on a voluntary standard, when a voluntary standards organization revises the standard. In September 2024, ASTM published a revised voluntary standard, and this direct final rule updates the mandatory standard for play yards to incorporate

by reference the 2024 version of ASTM F406.

DATES: The rule is effective on April 5, 2025, unless the Commission receives a significant adverse comment by February 28, 2025. If the Commission receives such a comment, it will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**, withdrawing this direct final rule before its effective date. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 5, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You can submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2011-0064, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by email, except as described below.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions: CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may, however, submit comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you may email them to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit to this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/confidential written submissions.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: <https://www.regulations.gov>, and insert the docket number, CPSC-2011-0064, into the "Search" box, and follow the prompts.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Statutory Authority and Background

A. Statutory Authority

Section 104(b) of the CPSIA requires the Commission to assess the effectiveness of voluntary standards for durable infant or toddler products¹ and adopt mandatory standards for these products. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(1). Mandatory standards must be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards, or they may be "more stringent" than the voluntary standards, if the Commission determines that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the products. *Id.* Accordingly, mandatory standards may be based, in whole or in part, on a voluntary standard.

Section 104(b)(4)(B) of the CPSIA specifies the process for when a voluntary standards organization revises a standard the Commission has incorporated by reference under section 104(b)(1). 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(4)(B). First, the voluntary standards organization must notify the Commission of the revision. Once the Commission receives this notification, the Commission may reject or accept the revised standard. To reject a revised standard, the Commission must notify the voluntary standards organization within 90 days of receiving the notice of revision that the Commission has determined that the revised standard does not improve the safety of the consumer product and that CPSC is retaining the existing standard. If the Commission does not take this action, then the revised voluntary standard will be considered a consumer product safety standard issued under section 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2058), effective 180 days after the Commission received notification of the revision (or a later date specified by the Commission in the **Federal Register**). 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(4)(B).

B. Safety Standards for Play Yards

On August 29, 2012, under section 104 of the CPSIA, the Commission published the first play yards rule that incorporated by reference ASTM F406-12a, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Cribs/Play Yards*, as the mandatory standard, with modifications that exclude sections

¹ Section 104(f)(2)(F) of the CPSIA lists play yards as a durable infant or toddler product. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(f)(2)(F).

of ASTM F406–12a that apply to NFS cribs exclusively. 77 FR 52220, at 52226.²

CPSC regulations define a play yard, also known as a playpen, as “a framed enclosure that includes a floor and has mesh or fabric sided panels primarily intended to provide a play or sleeping environment for children. It may fold for storage or travel.” 16 CFR 1220.1(c)(2).

After the publication of ASTM F406–12a, ASTM published revisions to ASTM F406 in 2013, 2019, and 2022. CPSC updated the play yard rule twice, adopting ASTM F406–13 in 2013 (78 FR 50328 (August 19, 2013)), and adopting ASTM F406–19 in 2019 (84 FR 56684 (October 23, 2019)). For both updates, CPSC accepted the revised voluntary standard as the mandatory standard for play yards and updated the incorporation by reference in 16 CFR part 1221 to reflect the revised voluntary standard. In both cases, CPSC also maintained the exceptions listed in section 1221.2(b), which lists sections of the voluntary standard that solely apply to NFS cribs and therefore are not incorporated in the play yards standard. CPSC declined to update the play yards rule based on the revisions in ASTM F406–22 because the Commission determined that adding performance requirements to allow mattresses greater than 1.5 inches was a reduction in safety.³

On October 7, 2024, ASTM notified the Commission that it had approved and published a newly revised version of the voluntary standard, ASTM F406–24. As explained in section II.A of this preamble, ASTM F406–24 contains four substantive revisions that improve the safety of play yards. One clarifies the definitions of “play yard/non-full-size crib dependent accessory” and “full accessory.” The second addresses strangulation hazards by expanding the scope of the warning label requirements to all play yard accessories and not just

those intended to be removed when the play yard is occupied. The third adds a new requirement to limit the length of loops for cords/straps and by specifying a test to measure the perimeter of cord/strap loops for play yards. Lastly, the fourth modifies the warning label requirements pertaining to products that have separate, removable mattresses that are not permanently fixed in place.

Revisions to ASTM F406–24 include changes that remove the requirements, added in ASTM F406–22, for play yard mattresses 1.5 to 2 inches thick and the gap measurement test for play yard mattresses 1.5 to 2 inches thick. Removing these requirements reverts the voluntary standard to the previous requirements in ASTM F406–19 for mattress thickness and realigns the mattress requirements in the voluntary standard with 16 CFR part 1221; both limit play yards’ mattress thickness to 1.5 inches. Therefore, these are not considered changes to the 2019 voluntary standard currently incorporated by reference in 16 CFR part 1221, and they have no impact on safety.

Part II.B of this preamble describes non-substantive clarifications in the revised voluntary standard.

On October 25, 2024, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Availability, requesting comment on whether the 2024 revision improves the safety of NFS baby cribs and/or play yards. 89 FR 85077. CPSC received one anonymous comment addressing the safety of play yards (as well as NFS cribs), which is discussed below.

Based on staff’s evaluation of ASTM F406–24 and consideration of the comment received, the Commission will allow ASTM F406–24 to become the new consumer product safety standard for play yards because it improves safety. Pursuant to CPSIA section 104, the revised voluntary standard will take effect as the new mandatory standard for play yards on April 5, 2025, unless the Commission specifies a later date in the **Federal Register** or notifies ASTM by January 5, 2025, that it has determined the revision does not improve the safety of play yards. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(4)(B). This direct final rule updates 16 CFR part 1221 to incorporate by reference the applicable

provisions of the revised voluntary standard, ASTM F406–24, with modifications that maintain the exclusion of requirements that apply solely to NFS cribs.⁴

II. Description of ASTM F406–24 Related to Play Yards

The ASTM standard for play yards includes performance requirements, test methods, and requirements for marking, labeling, and instructional literature, to address hazards to children associated with play yards. The 2024 revision to the voluntary standard, ASTM F406, includes substantive and non-substantive revisions, as described in sections II.A and B.

A. Substantive Changes in ASTM F406–24

1. Play Yard Accessories Definitions

ASTM F406–24 revises the definitions for “play yard/non-full-size crib dependent accessory” and for “full accessory” to clarify the classification of certain types of accessories and the performance requirements to which they are subject. These revisions address ambiguity in the previous definitions, but in the Commission’s assessment they do not change the scope of the accessories to which the definition applies. Section 3.1.24 defines a “play yard/non-full-size crib dependent accessory” as a component, such as a bassinet or changing table, that attaches to the play yard, but the revision now clarifies that a dependent accessory “can be used with or without a full accessory, and does not fully cover the top opening of the play yard/non-full-size crib.” The prior definition did not specifically confirm the dependent accessory’s relation to a full accessory or that this accessory does not fully cover the top of a play yard. The revised discussion language in section 3.1.24.2 again confirms that this dependent accessory “does not fully cover the top opening of the play yard/non-full-size crib.” Figure 1 below provides an example of a changing table accessory that attaches to the top frame of the play yard/non-full-size crib and is therefore classified as a play yard/non-full-size crib dependent accessory.

² Commission regulations for non-full-size baby cribs are at 16 CFR part 1220.

³ On February 22, 2023, the Commission voted unanimously (4–0) to determine that ASTM F406–22 does not improve the safety of play yards and that the Commission is retaining the existing standard for play yards in 16 CFR part 1221, available at <https://www.cpsc.gov/content/RCA-ASTMs-Notice-of-a-Revised-Voluntary-Standard-for-Play-Yards>.

⁴ On December 17, 2024, the Commission voted (5–0) to publish this direct final rule.

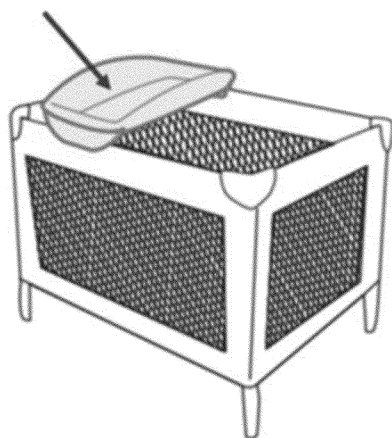


Figure 1. Play Yard/Non-Full-Size Crib Dependent Accessory⁵

Section 3.1.11 defines a “full accessory” as any accessory that fully covers the top opening of a play yard without gaps or openings “that would expose the occupant to an entrapment hazard.” ASTM F406–24 adds section 3.1.11.3 to clarify that play yards that can convert to other products are not considered full accessories. The

converted products (*i.e.*, products that convert from play yards to another product, such as a bassinet) are subject to requirements or regulations that apply to the converted-to product’s product category, such as the requirements for bassinet, and not to the requirements for play yards. These revisions clarify the definitions of play

yard accessories and which category of product an item may fall under. Figure 2 below shows an example of a changing table that can only be attached to the full bassinet accessory, and therefore, is also considered a full accessory (unlike the changing table in Figure 1, which only attaches directly to the play yard).

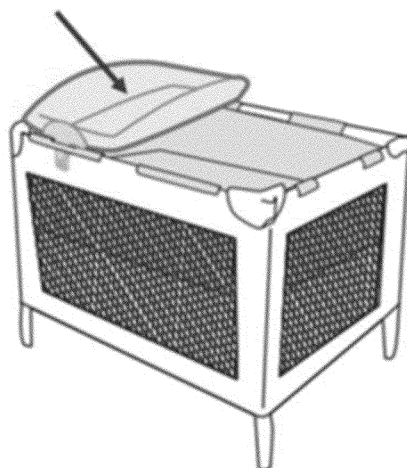


Figure 2. Play Yard/Non-Full-Size Crib Full Accessory⁶

The Commission considers these changes to the accessories’ definitions as an improvement in safety because they clarify the requirements of the standard.

2. Strangulation Warning Labels

Play yards with attaching accessories present a risk of strangulation in

openings between attached accessories and the play yard’s frame. To better warn about this hazard, ASTM F406–24 revises requirements for warning labels in section 9.6.3 of ASTM F406–24. The previous requirement stated that the manufacturer should add a general description of the hazard relevant to the product, including the nonspecific

phrase, “[s]tatement describing the hazard.” ASTM F406–24 revises the warning label requirement so that labels explicitly specify that there is a strangulation hazard, which ensures a compelling and vivid description of the hazard and how to avoid it. Figure 3 provides an example of the new strangulation hazard warning label

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language requirements, which improve safety.

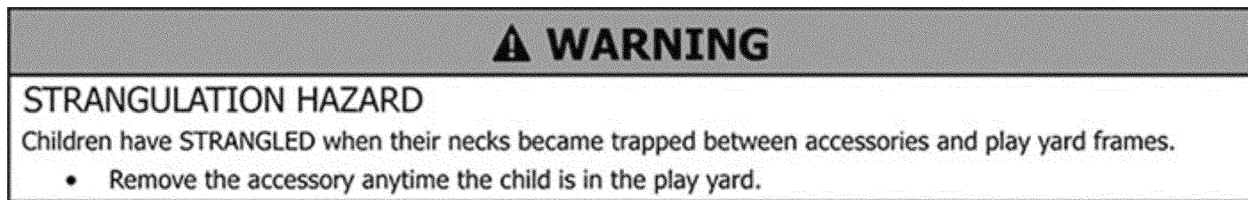


Figure 3. Strangulation Hazard Warning Label⁷

Further, ASTM F406–24 expands the scope of products to which these warning label requirements apply, to now include all accessories, not just accessories that are intended to be removed from the play yard when it is occupied as previously required in ASTM F406–19. As revised, the warning label requirement now applies to “each play yard/non-full size crib dependent accessory and full accessory.” Therefore, the revision applies to all full accessories and play yard/NFS crib dependent accessories rather than only play yard/NFS crib dependent accessories. The Commission determines that any accessory attached to the top or within the occupant area, regardless of the type of accessory, presents a strangulation hazard when a child is in the occupant area. Therefore, this change in ASTM F406–24 is an improvement in safety.

3. Length of Cords/Straps

ASTM F406–24 includes two changes related to the length of cords and straps for play yards: limiting the length of loops for cords/straps and specifying a test to measure the perimeter of cord/strap loops.⁸ These changes were first made in the previous revision, ASTM F406–22, and therefore, are a change to the play yard rule which currently incorporates ASTM F406–19.

The play yard rule currently only limits the free length of cords and straps to address the strangulation hazard posed if the cord or strap, alone, wraps around an infant’s neck. Yet cords or straps, such as those used to secure an infant on top of a changing table accessory, when either connected or entangled together, may form a loop when hanging below the accessory that presents a risk of strangulation around

the neck. To reduce this hazard in part, ASTM F406–19 specified requirements for accessories, as defined in sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.4, that have cords or straps that can form a loop. The perimeter length of these cords/straps is limited to no more than 16.3 inches. ASTM F406–22 and F406–24 make this a general requirement so that the cord length limit now applies to the whole of in-scope products and not just to the attachment of accessories. The revision limits the maximum permissible perimeter length of a loop such that the standard small head probe, which is based on the head circumference of a 5th percentile 6-month-old child, cannot fit through the loop, thus preventing a strangulation hazard. This change makes all cords or straps, whether attached to the play yard or to an accessory feature, subject to the loop requirement.

ASTM F406–22 (and ASTM F406–24) revisions also clarify and improve the test method in section 8.24.1 to measure the free-hanging length of single cords/straps, now stating: “Using a 3/4 in. (19 mm) diameter clamping surface (Fig. A1.29), gradually apply a 5 lbf (22 N) force to the end of each cord/strap in its fully-extended configuration.” Testing a strap to “its fully-extended configuration” ensures that a strap with an adjustable length and a sliding buckle is tested to the strap’s maximum length. The update also adds that any hardware attached to the cords/straps, such as buckles, are included in the length measurement. Lastly, the update specifies that if multiple cords/straps attach to the product in the same location, they are treated as separate and measured individually.

The Commission finds that the updates to the cord/strap requirements in ASTM F406–22 (and ASTM F406–24)

are an improvement in safety.⁹ The loop requirement that addresses a strangulation risk, which in ASTM F406–19 was applicable only to cords/straps attached to accessories, is now a general requirement that applies to all parts of in-scope products. The changes to the free-length measurement test method also improve safety by including adjustable straps, buckles, and other hardware in the length measurement.

4. Warning Labels Pertaining to Removable Mattresses

ASTM F406–24 revises the warning label requirements pertaining to products that have separate, removable mattresses that are not permanently fixed in place. Currently, the play yard rule specifies that the warning shall state: “Use ONLY mattress/pad provided by manufacturer.” ASTM F406–24 updates this language to state: “Use ONLY mattress/pad provided by manufacturer.” ASTM F406–24 also adds the option for the warning label to either: (1) instruct the consumer to contact the manufacturer of the product if a replacement mattress is needed; or (2) specify to use only a mattress that specifically identifies the brand and model number of the product.

This change effectively provides manufacturers with the option to either specify that only the manufacturer’s mattresses fabricated for the specific product can be used with the product or allow mattresses made by third-party manufacturers to be used with the product, provided that they comply with the mattress requirements specified in 16 CFR part 1241, *Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses*. Part 1241

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⁸ ASTM F406–24 defines a “cord” as a length of slender flexible material, including monofilaments, rope, woven and twisted cord, plastic and textile tapes, ribbon, and materials commonly called string. ASTM F406–24 defines a “strap” as a piece of flexible material of which the width is significantly greater than the thickness.

⁹ The Commission previously determined that the same updates to the cord/strap requirements in ASTM F406–22 were an improvement in safety with respect to non-full-size cribs. *Safety Standard for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs*, 88 FR 13686, at 13689 (March 6, 2023).

requires all after-market mattresses to comply with the relevant performance and labeling requirements for mattresses in ASTM F406. Part 1241 also requires all after-market mattresses to specify on a label the brand(s) and model number(s) of the product(s) in which the mattress is intended to be used. 16 CFR 1241.2 (b)(22)(v). Presently, there is a wide variety of after-market mattresses in the market, which can create uncertainty and confusion with consumers on what can be safely used with their product. This change, in combination with the labeling requirements in part 1241, adds clarity and ensures that the correct mattress is used in the play yard to reduce the risks of hazards associated with infant sleep such as gap entrapment and suffocation.

Reviewing the revision's effect on safety under CPSIA section 104(b)(4)(B), the Commission finds that the updates to the warning label requirements for removable mattresses in ASTM F406–24 are an improvement in safety. This update provides additional instruction to the consumer to ensure that only the proper mattresses are used with their product, ensuring a safe sleep environment for infants.

B. Non-Substantive Changes in ASTM F406–24

ASTM F406–24 incorporates numerous other marking, labeling, and instructional literature revisions per the recommendations from ASTM's Ad Hoc Language Task Group. ASTM juvenile products standards have begun adopting "Ad Hoc" recommendations since 2016, to increase the consistency of on-product warning design among juvenile products, and to address warning format issues related to capturing consumer attention, improving readability, and increasing hazard perception and avoidance behavior. The Ad Hoc recommendations have been improved incrementally over the years following publication of ASTM F406–19, warranting corresponding improvements to the standard, which are addressed in ASTM F406–24.

Additional clarifications and minor changes have been made to the marking, labeling, and instructional literature sections. For example, ASTM F406–24 includes in Figures A1.50 to A1.52 example warning labels to assist manufacturers in creating warning labels consistent with the requirements, and to assist test labs to verify the labels meet the requirements. In contrast, ASTM F406–19 does not provide example warning labels. The 2024 addition should improve consistency among products while making it easier for manufacturers to create labels that

meet the requirements, and for test labs to verify that the labels meet the requirements.

Although they do not materially change the substantive requirements for play yards, these revisions in ASTM F406–24 do improve safety by providing clearer and more complete safety messaging for the subject products.

C. Revision to 16 CFR 1221.2(b)(5)

As a result of revisions in ASTM F406–24, this direct final rule revises 16 CFR 1221.2(b)(5) from "Instead of complying with section 9.4.2.10 of ASTM F406–19, comply only with the following: (i) 9.4.2.10 For products that have a separate mattress that is not permanently fixed in place: Use ONLY mattress/pad provided by manufacturer" to "Do not comply with 9.5.2.1 of ASTM F406–24." Section 9.5.2.1 of ASTM F406–24 is a requirement that only applies to NFS cribs. In ASTM F406–19, the requirements for both NFS cribs and play yards were written in section 9.4.2.10, and the CPSC mandatory standard for play yards excluded the part of the requirement that applied only to NFS cribs at 16 CFR 1221.2(b)(5)(i). In ASTM F406–24, the requirements are separated out to include the requirements for NFS cribs in section 9.5.2.1. Therefore, the Commission is revising the section number reference to reflect the exclusion of the NFS crib requirement.

D. Public Comments

The Commission requested public comment on how the revisions to ASTM F406–24 affect the safety of play yards and received one anonymous comment. The commenter first asserts that *Entrapment in Accessories* requirements in section 5.15 of ASTM F406–24 do not address the entrapment hazard present for all openings between accessories or accessories and the play yard. However, section 8.26 of ASTM F406–24 confirms that the entrapment hazard evaluation and testing do apply to all openings. Second, the comment notes that the test procedures in section 8.26 that are intended to evaluate free passage of a small head probe through an exposed opening fail to specify a duration of time for how long a test force should be applied. Although the performance requirements in section 8.26 in ASTM F406–24 do not differ from section 8.26 in ASTM F406–19, the Commission agrees with the commenter that this section deserves further review. The Commission expects CPSC staff to continue to work with the ASTM subcommittee to consider the commenter's concern.

Third, the commenter asserts that it is unclear why section 5.15 *Entrapment in Accessories* requirements would apply to full accessories when there is an occupant access door. As stated in ASTM F406–24, section 5.15 applies to full accessories if the play yard has "an occupant access door in the walls of the play yard." Such an opening may provide access from outside of the play yard into the occupant area underneath the full accessory, thereby exposing a child to an entrapment hazard. If there is no occupant access door in the play yard walls, there is no such hazard, and as a result, the fact that full accessories that attach to the play yard are not subject to section 5.15 does not reduce safety.

Finally, the commenter asserts that the section 5.15 requirements are contradictory regarding which requirements apply to a dependent accessory or to a full accessory, claiming that the different testing requirements for each type of accessory are unclear. ASTM F406–24 directs manufacturers to conduct different entrapment testing depending on the type of accessory at issue. Once an accessory is properly classified as a full or dependent accessory, the applicable section 5.15 requirement would apply. Section 3.1.24, for example, specifies that play yard/non-full-size crib dependent accessories "can be used with or without a full accessory." Therefore, the fact that an accessory has the means to mechanically attach either to a full accessory or to the play yard causes it to be classified as a play yard dependent accessory, and therefore subject to the section 5.15 requirements for dependent accessories and not any other requirement that may be contradictory.

E. Summary of Assessment of ASTM F406–24

Under CPSIA section 104(b)(4)(B), unless the Commission determines that ASTM's revision to a voluntary standard that is referenced in a mandatory standard "does not improve the safety of the consumer product covered by the standard," the revised voluntary standard becomes the new mandatory standard. The Commission concludes that the substantive changes in ASTM F406–24 related to play yards improves the safety of play yards, as do the non-substantive changes addressed in section II.B.

III. Incorporation by Reference

Section 1221.2(a) of the direct final rule incorporates by reference ASTM F406–24. The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) has regulations regarding incorporation by reference. 1 CFR part

51. Under these regulations, agencies must discuss, in the preamble to a final rule, ways in which the material the agency incorporates by reference is reasonably available to interested parties, and how interested parties can obtain the material. In addition, the preamble to the final rule must summarize the material. 16 CFR 51.5(b).

In accordance with the OFR regulations, section II of this preamble summarizes the revised provisions of ASTM F406–24 that the Commission incorporates by reference into 16 CFR part 1221. The standard is reasonably available to interested parties in several ways. Until the direct final rule takes effect, a read-only copy of ASTM F406–24 is available for viewing on ASTM's website at: www.astm.org/CPSC.htm. Once the rule takes effect, a read-only copy of the standard will be available for viewing on the ASTM website at: www.astm.org/READINGLIBRARY/. Additionally, interested parties can purchase a copy of ASTM F406–24 from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428–2959 USA; phone: 610–832–9585; www.astm.org. Finally, interested parties can schedule an appointment to inspect a copy of the standard at CPSC's Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone: 301–504–7479; email: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

IV. Testing and Certification

Section 14(a) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2051–2089) requires manufacturers, including importers, of products subject to a consumer product safety rule under the CPSA, or to a similar rule, ban, standard, or regulation under any other act enforced by the Commission, to certify that the products comply with all applicable CPSC requirements. 15 U.S.C. 2063(a). Such certification must be based on a test of each product, or on a reasonable testing program, or, for children's products, on tests of a sufficient number of samples by a third party conformity assessment body accredited by CPSC to test according to the applicable requirements. As noted, standards issued under section 104(b)(1)(B) of the CPSIA are “consumer product safety standards.” Thus, they are subject to the testing and certification requirements of section 14 of the CPSA.

Additionally, because play yards are children's products, a CPSC-accepted third party conformity assessment body must test samples of the products for compliance with 16 CFR part 1221. Products subject to part 1221 also must

be compliant with all other applicable CPSC requirements, such as the lead content requirements in section 101 of the CPSIA,¹⁰ and the phthalates prohibitions in section 108 of the CPSIA,¹¹ and 16 CFR 1307.^{12 13} In accordance with section 14(a)(3)(B)(iv) of the CPSIA, the Commission previously published a notice of requirements (NOR) for accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies (*i.e.*, third party laboratories) for testing play yards, and codified the requirement at 16 CFR 1112.15(b)(7).

The modifications to the straps and cord requirements for play yards in ASTM F406–24 use testing requirements that are substantially the same as existing requirements for cords and straps on accessories and are already required for NFS cribs under 16 CFR part 1220.¹⁴ Accordingly, the new cord/strap requirements do not require that laboratories obtain additional test equipment or new training. The Commission considers third party labs that are currently CPSC-accepted for 16 CFR part 1221 to have demonstrated competence to test play yards to the revised ASTM F406–24, as incorporated into part 1221. Accordingly, the existing accreditations that the Commission has accepted for testing to this standard will cover testing to the revised standard. The existing NOR for the Safety Standard for Play Yards will remain in place, and CPSC-accepted third party labs are expected to update the scope of their accreditations to reflect the revised play yards standard in the normal course of renewing their accreditations.

V. Direct Final Rule Process

The Commission is issuing this rule as a direct final rule. Although the Administrative Procedure Act (APA; 5 U.S.C. 551–559) generally requires agencies to provide notice of a rule and an opportunity for interested parties to comment on it, section 553 of the APA provides an exception when the agency “for good cause finds” that notice and comment are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” *Id.* 553(b)(4)(B).

The purpose of this direct final rule is to update the reference in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) so that it reflects the version of the standard that takes effect by statute. This rule updates the reference in the CFR, but under the terms of the CPSIA, ASTM F406–24 takes effect as the new CPSC standard

for play yards, even if the Commission does not issue this rule. Thus, public comments would not lead to substantive changes to the standard or to the effect of the revised standard as a consumer product safety rule under section 104(b) of the CPSIA. Under these circumstances, notice and comment are unnecessary.

In Recommendation 95–4, the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) endorses direct final rulemaking as an appropriate procedure to expedite rules that are noncontroversial and that are not expected to generate significant adverse comments. *See* 60 FR 43108 (Aug. 18, 1995). ACUS recommends that agencies use the direct final rule process when they act under the “unnecessary” prong of the good cause exemption in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(4)(B). Consistent with the ACUS recommendation, the Commission is publishing this rule as a direct final rule, because CPSC does not expect any significant adverse comments.

Unless CPSC receives a significant adverse comment within 30 days of this notification, the rule will become effective on April 5, 2025. In accordance with ACUS's recommendation, the Commission considers a significant adverse comment to be “one where the commenter explains why the rule would be inappropriate,” including an assertion challenging “the rule's underlying premise or approach,” or a claim that the rule “would be ineffective or unacceptable without change.” 60 FR 43108, 43111. As noted, this rule updates a reference in the CFR to reflect a change that occurs by statute.

If the Commission receives a significant adverse comment, the Commission will withdraw this direct final rule. Depending on the comment and other circumstances, the Commission may then incorporate the adverse comment into a subsequent direct final rule or publish a notice of proposed rulemaking, providing an opportunity for public comment.

VI. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA; 5 U.S.C. 601–612) generally requires agencies to review proposed and final rules for their potential economic impact on small entities, including small businesses, and prepare regulatory flexibility analyses. 5 U.S.C. 603, 604. The RFA applies to any rule that is subject to notice and comment procedures under section 553 of the APA. 5 U.S.C. 601–612. As discussed in section V of this preamble regarding the Direct Final Rule Process, the Commission has determined that notice and the opportunity to comment are

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 1278a.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 2057c.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(5).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 2056a(d).

¹⁴ 88 FR 13686.

unnecessary for this rule. Therefore, the RFA does not apply. The Commission also notes the limited nature of this document, which updates the incorporation by reference to reflect the mandatory CPSC standard that takes effect under section 104 of the CPSIA.

VII. Paperwork Reduction Act

The current mandatory standard for play yards includes requirements for marking, labeling, and instructional literature that constitute a “collection of information,” as defined in the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521). The revised mandatory standard for play yard does not alter these requirements. The Commission took the steps required by the PRA for information collections when it adopted 16 CFR part 1221, including obtaining approval and a control number. Because the information collection is unchanged, the revision does not affect the information collection requirements or approval related to the standard.

VIII. Environmental Considerations

The Commission’s regulations provide for a categorical exclusion from any requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement where they “have little or no potential for affecting the human environment.” 16 CFR 1021.5(c)(2). This rule falls within the categorical exclusion, so no environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is required.

IX. Preemption

Section 26(a) of the CPSA provides that where a consumer product safety standard is in effect and applies to a product, no state or political subdivision of a state may either establish or continue in effect a requirement dealing with the same risk of injury unless the state requirement is identical to the Federal standard. 15 U.S.C. 2075(a). Section 26(c) of the CPSA also provides that states or political subdivisions of states may apply to CPSC for an exemption from this preemption under certain circumstances. Section 104(b) of the CPSIA deems rules issued under that provision “consumer product safety standards.” Therefore, once a rule issued under section 104 of the CPSIA takes effect, it will preempt in

accordance with section 26(a) of the CPSA.

X. Effective Date

Under the procedure set forth in section 104(b)(4)(B) of the CPSIA, when a voluntary standards organization revises a standard that the Commission adopted as a mandatory standard, the revision becomes the CPSC standard 180 days after notification to the Commission, unless the Commission determines that the revision does not improve the safety of the product, or the Commission sets a later date in the **Federal Register**. 15 U.S.C. 2056a(b)(4)(B). The Commission is taking neither of those actions with respect to the revised standard for play yards. Therefore, ASTM F406–24 automatically will take effect as the new mandatory standard for play yards on April 5, 2025, 180 days after the Commission received notice of the revision. As a direct final rule, unless the Commission receives a significant adverse comment within 30 days of this notice, the rule will become effective on April 5, 2025.

XI. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act (CRA; 5 U.S.C. 801–808) states that before a rule may take effect, the agency issuing the rule must submit the rule, and certain related information, to each House of Congress and the Comptroller General. 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1). The CRA submission must indicate whether the rule is a “major rule.” The CRA states that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) determines whether a rule qualifies as a “major rule.”

Pursuant to the CRA, OIRA has determined that this rule does not qualify as a “major rule,” as defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(2). To comply with the CRA, CPSC will submit the required information to each House of Congress and the Comptroller General.

List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 1221

Consumer protection, Imports, Incorporation by reference, Infants and children, Labeling, Law enforcement, Safety, and Toys.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Commission amends 16 CFR chapter II as follows:

PART 1221—SAFETY STANDARD FOR PLAY YARDS

- 1. Revise the authority citation for part 1221 to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2056a.

- 2. Revise § 1221.2 to read as follows:

§ 1221.2 Requirements for play yards.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each play yard shall comply with all applicable provisions of ASTM F406–24, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs/Play Yards*, approved on August 1, 2024. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. This material is available for inspection at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Contact the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone (301) 504–7479, email: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to: www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html. A free, read-only copy of the standard is available for viewing on the ASTM website at <https://www.astm.org/READINGLIBRARY/>. You may also obtain a copy from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428–2959; phone: (610) 832–9585; www.astm.org.

(b) Comply with the ASTM F406–24 standard with the following exclusions:

- (1) Do not comply with section 5.17 of ASTM F406–24.
- (2) Do not comply with section 5.20 of ASTM F406–24.
- (3) Do not comply with section 6, *Performance Requirements for Rigid Sided Products*, of ASTM F406–24.
- (4) Do not comply with section 8.1 through 8.10.5 of ASTM F406–24.
- (5) Do not comply with section 9.5.2.1 of ASTM F406–24.
- (6) Do not comply with section 10.1.1.1 of ASTM F406–24.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 461

[File No. R507000]

Petition for Rulemaking of Central Office of Reform and Efficiency (Impersonation Rule)

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Receipt of petition; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Please take notice that the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") received a petition for rulemaking from the Central Office of Reform and Efficiency and has published that petition online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. This petition requests to clarify and remove vague terms for precise enforcement of the plan regulations and the inclusion of a scienter requirement to safeguard consumers and businesses. The Commission invites written comments concerning the petition. Publication of this petition is pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and does not affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments must identify the petition docket number and be filed by February 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may view the petition, identified by docket number FTC-2025-0004, and submit written comments concerning its merits by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit sensitive or confidential information. You may read background documents or comments received at <https://www.regulations.gov> at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Bunk (phone: 202-326-3476, email: abunk@ftc.gov), Office of General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This petition requests to amend 16 CFR 461

to clarify vague terms for precise enforcement of government and business impersonation regulations and to incorporate a scienter requirement.

Pursuant to section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 57a(1)(B), and FTC Rule 1.31(f), 16 CFR 1.31(f), notice is hereby given that the above-captioned petition has been filed with the Secretary of the Commission and has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. Any person may submit comments in support of or in opposition to the petition. All timely and responsive comments submitted in connection with this petition will become part of the public record.

The Commission will not consider the petition's merits until after the comment period closes. It may grant or deny the petition in whole or in part, and it may deem the petition insufficient to warrant commencement of a rulemaking proceeding. The purpose of this document is to facilitate public comment on the petition to aid the Commission in determining what, if any, action to take regarding the request contained in the petition. This document is not intended to start, stop, cancel, or otherwise affect rulemaking proceedings in any way.

Because your comment will be placed on the publicly accessible website at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any "trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential"—as provided by Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2).

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 46; 15 U.S.C. 57a; 5 U.S.C. 601 note.

April J. Tabor,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1, 2, and 27

[WT Docket No. 19-116; DA 25-15; FR ID 275150]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks To Supplement the Record on Proposed Rules To Re-Allocate 1675-1680 MHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks to supplement the record concerning the rules proposed in a 2019 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted in the *Allocation and Service Rules for the 1675-1680 MHz Band* rulemaking that proposed to reallocate the 1675-1680 MHz band for shared use between incumbent federal operators and new, non-federal flexible wireless (fixed or mobile) use operations.

DATES: Comments are due February 28, 2025. Reply comments are due March 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by WT Docket No. 19-116, by any of the following methods:

■ **Federal Communications Commission's Website:** <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

■ **People with Disabilities:** Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Mackoul, Wireless

Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, 202–418–7498, scott.mackoul@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's document, DA 25–15, released January 8, 2025, by the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The full text of the document is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/wtb-seeks-supplement-1675-1680-mhz-band-record>.

Filing Requirements

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated in the **DATES** section above.

- **Electronic Filers.** Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

- **Paper Filers.** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

- Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

Persons With Disabilities

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice) or 202–418–0432 (TTY).

Ex Parte Presentations

The Commission will treat this proceeding as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the

Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with 47 CFR 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by 47 CFR 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The *NPRM* included an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 603, exploring the potential impact on small entities of the Commission's proposals. The Commission invites parties to file supplemental comments on the IRFA in light of the request to refresh the record.

Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act

Consistent with the Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118–9, a summary of

this document is available on <https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings>.

Synopsis

In the document, the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) seeks to supplement the record on a proposal to re-allocate the 1675–1680 MHz band for shared use between incumbent federal operations and non-federal fixed or mobile operations on a co-primary basis. The Bureau seeks additional comment particularly in light of a recent filing in the proceeding by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) providing a follow-on report of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding the potential for sharing of spectrum at the 1675–1680 MHz between incumbent federal and new non-federal operations.

In May 2019, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (84 FR 23508, May 22, 2019) proposing to re-allocate the 1675–1680 MHz band for shared use between incumbent federal operations (extensively used by NOAA for satellite downlinks and weather balloons) and non-federal fixed or mobile operations on a co-primary basis. The NPRM proposed and sought comment on the use of competitive bidding to award licenses, as well as service and technical rules. The Commission received numerous comments on the NPRM.

Since the Commission last sought comment, there have been a number of developments in the proceeding, including a report prepared by NOAA and filed by NTIA in 2022 and a follow-on report prepared by NOAA and filed by NTIA in November 2024 that concluded that it is technically feasible to share the 1675–1680 MHz band used by NOAA for transmission of time-sensitive satellite data with commercial wireless services, subject to certain conditions.

In light of the recent filing of the NOAA follow-on report, the Bureau is providing an opportunity for additional comment in order to ensure an up-to-date record. Accordingly, the Bureau invites stakeholders to provide additional comment after reviewing the existing record in this proceeding.

Federal Communications Commission.

Amy Brett,

Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-489-853]

Certain Brake Drums From the Republic of Türkiye: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain brake drums from the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 29, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Hawkins, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation in the *Federal Register* on July 17, 2024.¹ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven

days.² On November 20, 2024, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until January 23, 2025.³

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain brake drums from Türkiye. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations,⁵ in the *Initiation Notice*, Commerce set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁶ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this investigation and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary

Scope Decision Memorandum.⁷ As discussed in the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, Commerce preliminarily modified the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. In the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, Commerce established the deadline for parties to submit scope case and rebuttal briefs.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, to assign an estimated weighted-average dumping margin to Akkus Dokum San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti, Buyuk Eker Bijon Sanayi Ve Ticaret, and Genk Otomotiv San. Dis Tic. Ltd. Sti.⁸ For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 733(d)(1)(A)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that, in the preliminary determination, Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce calculated an individual estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Eku Fren ve Dok. San. A.S. (Eku Fren), the only individually-examined exporter/producer in this investigation. Because the only individually calculated dumping margin is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

³ See *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 91675 (November 20, 2024).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair Value Investigation of Certain Brake Drums from the Republic of Türkiye," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁵ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁶ See *Initiation Notice*, 89 FR at 58117.

⁷ See Memorandum, "Antidumping Duty Investigations and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with this notice (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

⁸ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

¹ See *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 58116 (July 17, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

otherwise available, the estimated weighted-average dumping margin calculated for Eku Fren is the margin assigned to all other producers and exporters, pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Producer/exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Eku Fren ve Dok. San. A.S	12.73
Akkus Dokum San. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti	* 149.29
Buyuk Eker Bijon Sanayi Ve Ticaret	* 149.29
Genk Otomotiv San. Dis Tic. Ltd. Sti	* 149.29
All Others	12.73

* Rate is based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce will analyze and, if appropriate, correct any timely allegations of significant ministerial errors by amending the preliminary determination. However, consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(d), Commerce will not consider incomplete allegations that do not address the significance standard under 19 CFR 351.224(g) following the preliminary determination. Instead, Commerce will address such allegations in the final determination together with issues raised in the case briefs or other written comments.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) the cash

deposit rate for the respondents listed above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Commerce normally adjusts cash deposits for estimated antidumping duties by the amount of export subsidies countervailed in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding, when CVD provisional measures are in effect. However, as discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has not offset the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate CVD rate.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written non-scope related comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the final verification report is issued in this investigation.⁹ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹⁰ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹¹

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this investigation, we instead request that interested parties provide at the

beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹² Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final determination in this investigation. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the public executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹³

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a date and time to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), Commerce requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final antidumping duty determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

⁹ Case briefs and rebuttal briefs submitted in response to this preliminary LTFV determination should not include scope-related issues.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹² We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹³ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

On January 8, 2025, ECU Fren requested that Commerce postpone the final determination in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed 135 days.¹⁴ On January 10, 2025, Webb Wheel Products, Inc. (the petitioner) requested that Commerce postpone the final determination in the event of a negative preliminary determination.¹⁵ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) the preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce's final determination will be issued no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Act.

U.S. International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain brake drums made of gray cast iron, whether finished or unfinished, with an actual or nominal inside diameter of 14.75 inches or more but not over 16.6 inches, weighing more than 50 pounds.

¹⁴ See ECU Fren's Letter, "ECU Fren's Final Determination Extension Request," dated January 8, 2025.

¹⁵ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioner's Request for Postponement of Final Determination," dated January 10, 2025.

Unfinished brake drums are those which have undergone some turning or machining but are not ready for installation. Subject brake drums are included within the scope whether imported individually or with non-subject merchandise (for example, a hub), whether assembled or unassembled, or if joined with non-subject merchandise. When a subject drum is imported together with non-subject merchandise, such as, but not limited to, a drum-hub assembly, only the subject drum is covered by the scope.

Subject merchandise also includes finished and unfinished brake drums that are further processed in a third country or in the United States, including, but not limited to, assembly or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of this investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the subject brake drums. The inclusion, attachment, joining, or assembly of non-subject merchandise with subject drums either in the country of manufacture of the subject drum or in a third country does not remove the subject drum from the scope. Specifically excluded is merchandise covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain chassis and subassemblies thereof from the People's Republic of China. *See Certain Chassis and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 86 FR 36093 (July 8, 2021) and *Certain Chassis and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 86 FR 24844 (May 10, 2021).

The scope also excludes composite brake drums that contain more than 38 percent steel by weight.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 8708.30.5020. The merchandise covered by this investigation may be classifiable under HTSUS subheading 8708.30.5090 when entered as part of an assembly. Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS subheading 8716.90.5060. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–549–853]

Large Top Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers From Thailand: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that large top mount combination refrigerator-freezers (refrigerators) from Thailand are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 29, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benito Ballesteros or Lilit Astvatsatryan, AD/CVD Operations, Office IX, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–7425 or (202) 482–6412, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on July 16, 2024.¹ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.² On November 18, 2024, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until January 22, 2025.³ For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see*

¹ See *Large Top Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers from Thailand: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 89 FR 57860 (July 16, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*). On July 24, 2024, Commerce published a correction to this notice. See *Large Top Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers from Thailand: Correction*, 89 FR 59894 (July 24, 2024).

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

³ See *Large Top Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers from Thailand: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 89 FR 90668 (November 18, 2024).

the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is provided in Appendix II of this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are refrigerators from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations,⁵ the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁶ No interested party commented on the scope of the

investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. Accordingly, Commerce is not preliminarily modifying the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. See the scope in Appendix I to this notice.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated export prices in accordance with section 772(a) of the Act. Constructed export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce has preliminarily relied upon facts otherwise available with adverse inferences for Thai Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung); Sanden Intercool (Thailand) Public Company Limited; and Sharp Appliances (Thailand) Co., Ltd. For a full description of the methodology underlying the preliminary determination, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

All-Others Rate

Sections 733(d)(1)(ii) and 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act provide that in the preliminary determination Commerce shall determine an estimated all-others rate for all exporters and producers not individually examined. This rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act.

In this investigation, Commerce preliminarily assigned a rate based entirely on facts available to Samsung. Therefore, the only rate that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available is the rate calculated for Toshiba Consumer Products (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (Toshiba). Consequently, the rate calculated for Toshiba is also assigned as the rate for all other producers and exporters.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Toshiba Consumer Products (Thailand) Co., Ltd	13.28
Thai Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd	* 37.90
Sanden Intercool (Thailand) Public Company Limited	* 37.90
Sharp Appliances (Thailand) Co., Ltd	* 37.90
All Others	13.28

* This rate is based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise, as described in Appendix I, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin or the estimated all-others rate, as follows: (1) the cash deposit rate for the respondents listed

above will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margins determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a respondent identified above, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be equal to the company-specific estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for that producer of the subject merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other producers and exporters will be equal to the all-others estimated weighted-average dumping margin. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce will analyze and, if appropriate, correct any timely allegations of significant ministerial errors by amending the preliminary determination. However, consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(d), Commerce will not consider incomplete allegations that

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Affirmative Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Large Top Mount Combination Refrigerator-Freezers from

Thailand," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁵ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

⁶ See *Initiation Notice*, 89 FR at 57861.

do not address the significance standard under 19 CFR 351.224(g) following the preliminary determination. Instead, Commerce will address such allegations in the final determination together with issues raised in the case briefs or other written comments.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify the information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation. A timeline for the submission of case briefs and written comments will be released to interested parties at a later date. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.⁷ Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.⁸

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings, we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their brief that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this investigation, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.⁹ Further, we request that interested parties limit their public executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the public executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final determination in this investigation. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its

requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁰

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants and whether any participant is a foreign national; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioner. Section 351.210(e)(2) of Commerce's regulations requires that a request by exporters for postponement of the final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On January 17, 2025, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), Toshiba requested that Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.¹¹ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) the preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determination no later

than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its preliminary determination. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: January 22, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are large top mount combination refrigerator-freezers with a refrigerated volume of at least 15.6 cubic feet or 442 liters. For the purposes of this investigation, the term "large top mount combination refrigerator-freezers" consists of freestanding or built-in cabinets that have an integral source of refrigeration using compression technology, with all of the following characteristics:

- The cabinet contains at least two interior storage compartments accessible through two separate external doors;
- The lower-most interior storage compartment(s) that is accessible through an external door is a fresh food or convertible compartment, but is not a freezer compartment; however, the existence of an interior sub-compartment for ice-making in the lower-most storage compartment does not render the lower-most storage compartment a freezer compartment; and
- There is a freezer or convertible compartment that is mounted above the lower-most interior storage compartment(s).

For the purposes of the investigation, a fresh food compartment is capable of storing food at temperatures above 32 degrees F (0 degrees C), a freezer compartment is capable of storing food at temperatures at or below 32 degrees F (0 degrees C), and a convertible compartment is capable of operating as either a fresh food compartment or a freezer compartment, as defined in this paragraph.

The products subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under subheading 8418.10.0075 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to this investigation may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 8418.21.0090, 8418.40.0000, and 8418.69.0180. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, but the written description of the

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

⁹ We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁰ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

¹¹ See Toshiba's Letter, "Request to Postpone Final Determination," dated January 17, 2025.

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Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee: Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5 p.m. EST on Monday, February 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually and in-person at the Department of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover Building (1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230, Room 1412/1414). Registered participants will be emailed instructions on accessing the designated meeting space. Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to Mr. Jonathan Chesebro, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, (email: jonathan.chesebro@trade.gov). Members of the public should submit registration requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan Chesebro, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, Room 28018, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202–

482–1297; email: jonathan.chesebro@trade.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The CINTAC was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq), in response to an identified need for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the U.S. government regarding the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable U.S. laws and regulations, including advice on how U.S. civil nuclear goods and services export policies, programs, and activities affect the U.S. civil nuclear industry's competitiveness and ability to participate in the international market.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the Thursday, February 6, 2025, CINTAC meeting will include discussions of CINTAC priorities for its 2024–2026 charter term, the establishment of subcommittees, election of Committee leadership, and activities related to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Civil Nuclear Trade Initiative.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Mr. Jonathan Chesebro at the contact information above by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, February 3, 2025, in order to pre-register. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

A limited amount of time will be available for brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 20 minutes. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must contact Mr. Jonathan Chesebro and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the comments and the name and address of the proposed participant by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, February 3, 2025. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, ITA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the CINTAC's affairs at any time before and after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Mr. Jonathan Chesebro in the International Trade Administration's Office of Energy &

Environmental Industries. For consideration during the meeting, and to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on Monday, February 3, 2025. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of CINTAC meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Jonathan Chesebro,

Deputy Director, Acting, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (REEEAC or the Committee) will hold an in-person meeting, accessible to the public in-person and online, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. Registration instructions for the public to attend either in-person or online are provided below. The meeting has a limited number of spaces for members of the public to attend in-person. Requests to attend in-person will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

DATES: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from approximately 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Members of the public wishing to participate, either in person or online, must register in advance with Cora Dickson at the contact information below by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, February 10, 2025 including any requests to make comments during the meeting or for accommodations or auxiliary aids.

ADDRESSES: To register, please contact Cora Dickson, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEI), Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–6083; email: Cora.Dickson@trade.gov. In their registration, members of the public wishing to attend in-person must request in-person attendance by the firm deadline above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cora Dickson, DFO, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEI), Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-6083; email: Cora.Dickson@trade.gov. Registered participants joining virtually will be emailed the login information for the meeting, which will be accessible as a livestream via Teams Webinar. Registered participants joining in-person will be emailed instructions on accessing the designated meeting space.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the REEEAC pursuant to discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*), on July 14, 2010. The REEEAC was re-chartered most recently on May 24, 2024. The REEEAC provides the Secretary of Commerce with advice from the private sector on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand the export competitiveness of U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency products and services. More information about the REEEAC, including the list of appointed members for this charter, is published online at <https://trade.gov/reeeac>.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, the REEEAC will hold the second meeting of its current charter term. The Committee, with officials from the Department of Commerce and other U.S. Government agencies, will discuss major issues affecting the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. An agenda will be made available by February 10, 2025 upon request to DFO Cora Dickson.

The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. All guests are required to register in advance by the deadline identified under the **DATES** caption. Requests for auxiliary aids must be submitted by the registration deadline. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill.

A limited amount of time before the close of the meeting will be available for oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Members of the public attending virtually who wish to speak during the public comment period must give the DFO advance notice in order to facilitate their access. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two to five minutes per person (depending on number of public participants).

Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must contact Cora Dickson using the contact information above and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the comments, as well as the name and address of the proposed participant, by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 7, 2025. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the International Trade Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a copy of their oral comments by email to Cora Dickson for distribution to the participants in advance of the meeting.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the REEEAC's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted via email to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, c/o: Cora Dickson, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce; Cora.Dickson@trade.gov. To be considered during the meeting, public comments must be transmitted to the REEEAC prior to the meeting. As such, written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 7, 2025. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of REEEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days following the meeting.

Jonathan Chesebro,

Deputy Director, Acting, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-174]

Certain Brake Drums From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain brake drums from the People's Republic of China (China) are being, or are likely to be,

sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation (POI) is October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable January 29, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Frost, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation in the *Federal Register* on July 17, 2024.¹ On July 22, 2024, Commerce tolled certain deadlines in this administrative proceeding by seven days.² On November 20, 2024, Commerce postponed the preliminary determination of this investigation until January 23, 2025.³

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴ A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are brake drums from

¹ See *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 58116 (July 17, 2024) (*Initiation Notice*).

² See Memorandum, "Tolling of Deadlines for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings," dated July 22, 2024.

³ See *Certain Brake Drums from the Republic of Türkiye and the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 89 FR 91675 (November 20, 2024).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

China. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* appendix I.

Scope Comments

In accordance with the *Preamble* to Commerce's regulations,⁵ in the *Initiation Notice*, Commerce set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).⁶ Certain interested parties commented on the scope of the investigation as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. For a summary of the product coverage comments and rebuttal responses submitted to the record for this investigation, and accompanying discussion and analysis of all comments timely received, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum.⁷ As discussed in the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, Commerce preliminarily modified the scope language as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*. In the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, Commerce established the deadline for parties to submit scope case and rebuttal briefs.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section

731 of the Act. Commerce has calculated constructed export prices in accordance with section 772(b) of the Act. Because China is a non-market economy (NME), within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, Commerce has calculated normal value in accordance with section 773(c) of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily has relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, for the China-wide entity. For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Combination Rates

In the *Initiation Notice*,⁸ Commerce stated that it would calculate producer/exporter combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation. Policy Bulletin 05.1 describes this practice.⁹

Separate Rates

We have preliminarily granted a separate rate to certain companies that we did not select for individual examination.¹⁰ In calculating the rate for non-individually examined separate rate

respondents in an NME LTFV investigation, Commerce normally looks to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, which pertains to the calculation of the all-others rate in a market economy LTFV investigation, for guidance. Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, normally this rate shall be an amount equal to the weighted-average of the estimated weighted average dumping margins established for those companies individually examined, excluding zero and *de minimis* dumping margins, and any dumping margins based entirely under section 776 of the Act. Commerce calculated an individual estimated weighted-average dumping margin for Shandong ConMet Mechanical Co., Ltd. (Shandong ConMet) that is not zero, *de minimis*, or based entirely on facts otherwise available. Thus, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated for Shandong ConMet is the margin assigned to the non-examined, separate rate companies in this investigation. *See* the table below in the "Preliminary Determination" section of this notice.

Preliminary Determination

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following estimated weighted-average dumping margins exist:

Producer	Exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)	Cash deposit rate (adjusted for subsidy offsets) (percent)
Shandong ConMet Mechanical Co., Ltd	Shandong ConMet Mechanical Co., Ltd	109.64	109.64
Liaoning Hechuang CV Parts MFG Co	Liaoning Hechuang CV Parts MFG Co	109.64	109.64
Hebei OE Auto Spare Parts Co., Ltd	Ningbo Qingchen International Trade Co., Ltd ...	109.64	109.64
Longyao County Yiheng Auto Parts Co., Ltd	Qingdao Jasmine International Trade Co., Ltd ...	109.64	109.64
Shandong Lingang Nonferrous Metals Co., Ltd ..	Qingdao Tordon Brake Co., Ltd	109.64	109.64
Qiqihar Beimo Auto Parts Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Qiqihar Beimo Auto Parts Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	109.64	109.64
Shandong Lingang Nonferrous Metals Co., Ltd ..	Shandong Haoxin Co., Ltd	109.64	109.64
Shandong Hongma Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd.	Shandong Hongma Engineering Machinery Co., Ltd.	109.64	109.64
Longyao Gucheng Automobile Parts Factory	Shandong North Autotech Co., Ltd	109.64	109.64
Shandong Longji Machinery Co., Ltd	Shanghai Winsun Auto Parts Co., Ltd	109.64	109.64
China-Wide Entity	* 160.79	150.25

* This rate is based on facts available with adverse inferences.

Disclosure

Commerce intends to disclose its calculations and analysis performed to interested parties in this preliminary determination within five days of any public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of this notice

in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Consistent with 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce will analyze and, if appropriate, correct any timely allegations of significant ministerial errors by amending the preliminary determination. However, consistent

with 19 CFR 351.224(d), Commerce will not consider incomplete allegations that do not address the significance standard under 19 CFR 351.224(g) following the preliminary determination. Instead, Commerce will address such allegations in the final determination together with

⁵ *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997) (*Preamble*).

⁶ *See Initiation Notice*, 89 FR at 58117.

⁷ *See Memorandum*, "Antidumping Duty Investigations and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of

Türkiye: Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum," dated concurrently with this preliminary determination (Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum).

⁸ *See Initiation Notice*, 89 FR at 58120.

⁹ *See Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1*, regarding, "Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in

Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries," (April 5, 2005) (Policy Bulletin 05.1), available on Commerce's website at <https://enforcement.trade.gov/policy/bull05-1.pdf>.

¹⁰ *See Preliminary Decision Memorandum*.

issues raised in the case briefs or other written comments.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, Commerce will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of subject merchandise as described in the scope of the investigation section entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, as discussed below. Further, pursuant to section 733(d)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the weighted average amount by which normal value exceeds U.S. price, as indicated in the chart above as follows: (1) for the producer/exporter combinations listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin listed for that combination in the table; (2) for all combinations of Chinese producers/exporters of merchandise under consideration that have not established eligibility for their own separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin established for the China-wide entity; and (3) for all third-country exporters of merchandise under consideration not listed in the table above, the cash deposit rate is the cash deposit rate applicable to the Chinese producer/exporter combination (or the China-wide entity) that supplied that third-country exporter.

To determine the cash deposit rate, Commerce normally adjusts the estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the amount of domestic subsidy pass-through and export subsidies determined in a companion countervailing duty (CVD) proceeding when CVD provisional measures are in effect. Accordingly, where Commerce has made a preliminary affirmative determination for domestic subsidy pass-through or export subsidies, Commerce has offset the calculated estimated weighted-average dumping margin by the appropriate rate(s). Any such adjusted rates may be found in the chart of estimated weighted-average dumping margins above.

Should provisional measures in the companion CVD investigation expire prior to the expiration of provisional measures in this LTFV investigation, Commerce will direct CBP to begin collecting cash deposits at a rate equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margins calculated in this preliminary determination unadjusted

for the export subsidies at the time the CVD provisional measures expire.

These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Verification

As provided in section 782(i)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to verify information relied upon in making its final determination.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written non-scope-related comments may be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance no later than seven days after the date on which the last verification report is issued in this investigation.¹¹ Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.¹² Interested parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding must submit: (1) a table of contents listing each issue; and (2) a table of authorities.¹³

As provided under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), in prior proceedings we have encouraged interested parties to provide an executive summary of their briefs that should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In this investigation, we instead request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.¹⁴ Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memorandum that will accompany the final determination in this investigation. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).¹⁵

¹¹ Case and rebuttal briefs submitted in response to this preliminary determination should not include scope-related issues. See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i); see also 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

¹² See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023) (*APO and Service Final Rule*).

¹³ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

¹⁴ We use the term “issue” here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

¹⁵ See *APO and Service Final Rule*.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioners. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), Commerce requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

On December 11, 2024, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), Shandong ConMet requested that, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, Commerce postpone the final determination and that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.¹⁶ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) the preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six

¹⁶ See Shandong ConMet's Letter, “Request for Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures,” dated December 11, 2024.

months. Accordingly, Commerce will make its final determination no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

U.S. International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain brake drums made of gray cast iron, whether finished or unfinished, with an actual or nominal inside diameter of 14.75 inches or more but not over 16.6 inches, weighing more than 50 pounds. Unfinished brake drums are those which have undergone some turning or machining but are not ready for installation. Subject brake drums are included within the scope whether imported individually or with non-subject merchandise (for example, a hub), whether assembled or unassembled, or if joined with non-subject merchandise. When a subject drum is imported together with non-subject merchandise, such as, but not limited to, a drum-hub assembly, only the subject drum is covered by the scope.

Subject merchandise also includes finished and unfinished brake drums that are further processed in a third country or in the United States, including, but not limited to, assembly or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of this investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the subject brake drums. The inclusion, attachment, joining, or assembly of non-subject merchandise with subject drums either in the country of manufacture of the subject drum or in a third country does not remove the subject drum from the scope. Specifically excluded is merchandise covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain chassis and subassemblies thereof from the People's Republic of China. *See Certain Chassis and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's*

Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order, 86 FR 36093 (July 8, 2021) and *Certain Chassis and Subassemblies Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 86 FR 24844 (May 10, 2021).

The scope also excludes composite brake drums that contain more than 38 percent steel by weight.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 8708.30.5020. The merchandise covered by this investigation may be classifiable under HTSUS subheading 8708.30.5090 when entered as part of an assembly. Subject merchandise may also enter under HTSUS subheading 8716.90.5060. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Period of Investigation
- IV. Discussion of the Methodology
- V. Adjustment Under Section 777A(F) of the Act
- VI. Adjustment to Cash Deposit Rate for Export Subsidies
- VII. Currency Conversion
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE625]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a joint webinar meeting of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and its Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The GMT and the GAP will discuss items on the Pacific Council's March 2025 meeting agenda and other items. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The joint GMT/GAP online meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pacific Time. The scheduled ending times for this meeting is an

estimate. The meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to attend the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820–2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessi Waller, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; jessi.waller@noaa.gov, telephone: (503) 820–2426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT and GAP webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council's March 2025 meeting agenda items. This joint meeting is expected to focus on groundfish agenda items.

A detailed agenda for the webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting. The GMT and GAP may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT and GAP.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 24, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Advisory Committee on Excellence in Space (ACES); Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of Space Commerce (OSC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the NOAA Office of Space Commerce announces the second meeting of the Advisory Committee on Excellence in Space (ACES).

DATES: March 5, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building—Commerce Research Library, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230. In-person participation is limited to ACES members and DOC personnel. Public participation will occur via a hybrid format. The link for webinar registration will be posted, when available, on the ACES website, <https://www.space.commerce.gov/aces>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Y. Kim, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Excellence in Space (ACES), NOAA Office of Space Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-5827. Email: space.commerce@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ACES provides advice and recommendations to the NOAA Under Secretary or OSC Director on matters relating to OSC's statutory purview. The first meeting of ACES was held on October 3, 2024, in Washington, DC.

Agenda: The meeting will include discussions on topics pertinent to commercial space policy, regulation, and operational mission support, including commercial space mission authorization and supervision and space sustainability.

A detailed agenda with meeting materials will be available closer to the meeting date on the ACES website, <https://www.space.commerce.gov/aces>.

Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments to ACES at space.commerce@noaa.gov by March 3, 2025.

Special Accommodations: Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Designated Federal Officer no later than March 3, 2025.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Janice Starzyk,

Acting Director of the Office of Space Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Marine and Coastal Area-Based Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee (MCAM). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 26, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually on the Google Meets Platform. Registration is not required. Participants may join the meeting by computer or by phone:

Join by computer: meet.google.com/xcd-rjkg-cnc.

Join by phone: (US) +1 929-324-1668 PIN: 270 068 426#.

The MCAM website may be found at <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/marine-coastal-fac/meetings.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Roberts, Program Analyst, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, ellie.roberts@noaa.gov, (240) 533-0676.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the MCAM. The MCAM was established in 2022 to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on science-based approaches to area-based protection, conservation, restoration, and management in coastal and marine areas, including the Great Lakes. The MCAM charter is located online at <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/marine-coastal-fac/>.

I. Matters To Be Considered

The meeting time and agenda are subject to change. The meeting is convened to discuss the following

topics: area-based management in the U.S.; tracking conservation progress; Indigenous-led conservation and co-stewardship; and various administrative and organizational matters. For the most up-to-date meeting times, agenda, and meeting materials, refer to the MCAM website at (<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/marine-coastal-fac/meetings.html>).

II. Public Comment Instructions

The meeting will be open to public comment (check the meeting agenda on the MCAM website to confirm the time for oral public comments). Written comments should be received by February 21, 2025, to provide sufficient time for MCAM review. Written comments received after February 21, 2025, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. To submit written comments, please email Ellie Roberts, ellie.roberts@noaa.gov. Written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Do not submit comments that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language.

III. Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ellie Roberts at ellie.roberts@noaa.gov, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

John Armor,

Designated Federal Official, Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Advisory Committee, Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XE629]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public hybrid meeting of its Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). This meeting will be held in-person with a webinar option. Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at Doubletree by Hilton, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757; telephone: (508) 478-7010.

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/7854567890>

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee will meet and introduce members and staff to each other. They will receive briefings on the following topics and discuss the role of the Steering Committee: The Council's Inflation Reduction Act-funded projects, NOAA's annual State of the Ecosystem report and its application to management decisions, and implementation of the Council's new Risk Policy.

They will also discuss the role of the Steering Committee in supporting the Council's participation in the East Coast Climate Coordination Group (E3CG) and engaging with NOAA's Climate Ecosystems and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI). The Committee will agree on Committee operations (leadership, subgroups, evaluating success). They will also plan stakeholder outreach about the Council's regional climate initiatives. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues

specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electric Vehicle Working Group

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of open virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: On January 8, 2025, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a virtual meeting on January 30, 2025, of the Electric Vehicle Working Group (EVWG). This notice announces the cancellation of this virtual meeting.

DATES: The virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025, announced in the Wednesday, January 8, 2025, issue of the **Federal Register** (FR Doc. 2025-00219, 90 FR 1474), is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rachael Nealer, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; email: evwg@ee.doe.gov; telephone: (202) 586-3916.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 24, 2025, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, Secretarial Office of Boards & Councils, pursuant to delegated authority from the Acting Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative

purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 24, 2025.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP25-365-000.

Applicants: Southeast Supply Header, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; ROFR Open Season Filing to be effective 3/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5052.

Comment Date: 5 pm ET 2/4/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help

members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER18-1182-012.

Applicants: System Energy Resources, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: SERI Compliance (ER18-1182 et al.) to be effective 9/1/2024.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5086.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER22-2293-002.

Applicants: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Order No 881 2nd Compliance Filing Amend to be effective 7/12/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5022.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-12-001.

Applicants: Dynegy Energy Services Mid-Atlantic, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: NCIS for Q4 2024 and Rev. MBR Tariff to be effective 3/25/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5029.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1024-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA, SA No. 7468; Project Identifier No. AE2-234 to be effective 12/30/2024.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5021.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1025-000.

Applicants: Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Cancellation of SA No. 7221 to be effective 1/13/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5024.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1026-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2881R19 City of Chanute, KS NITSA NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5032.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1027-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1976R15 FreeState Electric Cooperative, Inc. NITSA and NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5039.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1028-000.

Applicants: Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance filing 2024-2025 to be effective 12/23/2024.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5044.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1029-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1636R31 Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. NITSA and NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5070.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1030-000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: Solarpack Development (Black Prairie Solar) LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5071.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1031-000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.15: Minkar Energy Project (Minkar Solar) LGIA Termination Filing to be effective 1/23/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5074.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1032-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Designated Entity Agreement, SA No. 7478 between PJM and PSE&G to be effective 12/24/2024.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5088.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1033-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2198R37 Kansas Power Pool NITSA NOA to be effective 1/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5103.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

Docket Numbers: ER25-1034-000.

Applicants: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): NYISO-NYSEG Joint 205: Amended EPCA Alle-Catt Wind Energy SA2794 to be effective 1/8/2025.

Filed Date: 1/23/25.

Accession Number: 20250123-5126.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/13/25.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or *OPP@ferc.gov*.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2221-041]

Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new major license to continue to operate and maintain the Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project (project). The project is located on the White River, in Taney County, Missouri. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<https://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system

at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2221-041.

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For further information, contact Colleen Corballis at 202-502-8598 or *Colleen.Corballis@ferc.gov*.

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14787-004]

Black Canyon Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Original major license.

b. *Project No.:* 14787-004.

c. *Date Filed:* January 18, 2023.

d. *Applicant:* rPlus Hydro, LLLP, on behalf of Black Canyon Hydro, LLC (BCH).

e. *Name of Project:* Seminole Pumped Storage Project (Seminole Project or project).

f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Seminole Reservoir on the North Platte River in Carbon County, Wyoming, approximately 35 miles northeast of Rawlins, Wyoming. The project would occupy 1,025.94 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and 77.00 acres managed by Reclamation.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Lars Dorr, Program Manager for rPlus Hydro, LLLP. Address: Black Canyon Hydro, LLC c/o rPlus Hydro, LLLP 201 S. Main St. Suite 2100 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Phone: (858) 925-3743. Email: *ldorr@rplusenergies.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Tust at (202) 502-6522; or email at *michael.tust@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Seminole Pumped Storage Project (P-14787-004).

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on

each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* The Seminole Project would utilize Reclamation's existing 1,017,280 acre-feet Seminole reservoir on the North Platte River as the lower reservoir and would include the following new facilities: (1) a 8,498-foot-long circumference, 20-foot wide, 65 to 185-foot-high, roller-compacted concrete (RCC) dam impounding a 10,800-acre-foot upper reservoir at a crest elevation of 7,455 feet and a maximum operating pool elevation of 7,445 feet (allowing for a 10-foot freeboard between the maximum operating level and the dam crest); (2) a 200-foot-long concrete, ungated, ogee crest emergency spillway; (3) a 75-foot-diameter, covered bell-mouth intake set near the southwestern edge of the upper reservoir at an elevation of 7,295 feet; (4) an approximately 680-foot-long, 32-foot-diameter concrete lined-headrace tunnel connecting to a 615-foot-long, 24-foot-diameter aboveground steel conduit which would extend underground for an additional 2,470 feet before discharging to a 30-foot-diameter vertical, concrete-lined shaft; (5) a 165-foot-long, 17-foot-diameter concrete, steel-lined penstock connecting from the vertical shaft to the pump-turbines; (6) three pump-turbines each rated at 324 megawatts (MW) (for a combined total generating capacity of 972 MW) located in the underground powerhouse (machine hall); (7) an approximately 4,070-foot-long, 31-foot-diameter concrete-lined tailrace tunnel discharging water to a lower intake structure within the existing Seminole Reservoir at normal maximum water surface elevation of 6,357 feet; (8) a transformer cavern containing 18 kilovolt (kV) generator step-up transformers for each unit, and a gas-insulated switchgear switchyard; (9) a 765-foot-long horizontal tunnel transmitting power from the transformer gallery to a vertical cable shaft up to a take-off structure at the surface, and

then via two separate, 500 kV, overhead primary transmission lines extending to the 500 kV interconnection at Aeolus Substation, approximately 30 miles to the southeast of the project; (10) an approximately 32-foot-diameter main access tunnel providing access to the machine hall; (11) a 15-foot-wide, 16-foot-high surge chamber access tunnel lined with shotcrete; (12) a 2.6-mile-long new access road around the upper reservoir; (13) a new 40-foot-wide road to the main access tunnel portal starting from a proposed new bridge over the tailrace of Seminole Dam; and (14) appurtenant facilities. Additionally, portions of Western Area Power Administration's existing Miracle Mile-Snowy Range 1 115 kV and Miracle Mile-Snowy Range 2 230 kV transmission lines would be relocated around the upper reservoir. Furthermore, the existing Bennett Mountain Road (also called Dry Lake Road) would be upgraded (*i.e.*, widened to 24 feet) to support construction and maintenance of the proposed upper reservoir and realigned in places to reduce steep grades and avoid wetlands. The powerline road from Hanna would serve as the main access route to the lower intake and gate shaft area. BCH also proposes to upgrade a small section of the existing rough, single-track road from the proposed gate shaft location to the surge chamber access tunnel exit.

BCH proposes to draw 13,400 acre-feet of water from Seminole Reservoir to initially fill the new upper reservoir and would need 672 acre-feet of water each year to replenish water lost through evaporation. Once the upper reservoir is filled, approximately 10,800 acre-feet could be cycled between the upper reservoir and Seminole Reservoir each day and the project would be capable of generating 2,916 gigawatt-hours per year.

m. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support (see item j above).

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or

"PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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n. The applicant must file no later than 60 days from the issuance date of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying authority received the request; or (3) evidence of a waiver of water quality certification.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following anticipated schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The schedule for issuing draft and final NEPA documents is consistent with the Commission's Notice of Revised Schedule for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project issued October 18, 2024:

Milestone	Target date
Comments, Recommendations and Agency Terms and Conditions/Prescriptions Due	March 2025.
Applicant's Reply Comments Due	April 2025.
Commission Issues Draft NEPA Document	September 2025.
Commission Issues Final NEPA Document	April 2026.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-50-000]

CenterPoint Energy Resource Corporation; Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on January 16, 2025, CenterPoint Energy Resource Corporation (CERC), 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004 and Delta North Louisiana Gas Company LLC (Delta North Louisiana), 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, filed a joint application under section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting that the Commission: (i) modify CERC's existing service area determination under NGA Section 7(f) issued in Docket No. CP19-111-000 and amended in CP21-469-000 and (ii) grant Delta North Louisiana the requested service area determination and related waivers in Texas and Louisiana. Pursuant to CERC's and Delta North Louisiana's Asset Purchase Agreement dated February 19, 2024, Delta North Louisiana will acquire CERC's Louisiana local distribution company (LDC) facilities and operations, and as a result, will need the requested service area determination modifications, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the

docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to J. Patrick Nevins, Attorney for CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp, 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004, by phone at (202) 637-3363, or by email at patrick.nevins@lw.com or Brooksany Barrowes, Attorney for Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, by phone at (202) 389-5025 or by email at brooksany.barrowes@kirkland.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.

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Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before February 13, 2025.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-50-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select “General” and then select “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP25–50–000).

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission’s environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission’s environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission’s orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is February 13, 2025. As described further in Rule 214,

your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25–50–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission’s eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select “General” and then select “Intervention.” The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP25–50–000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: J. Patrick Nevins, Attorney for CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004, at patrick.nevins@lw.com or Brooksany Barrowes, Attorney for Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004 at brooksany.barrowes@kirkland.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be

served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2025.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 15375–000]

Kram Hydro 10, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 10, 2024, Kram Hydro 10, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Mississippi Lock and Dam #20 Hydroelectric Project (Lock and Dam #20 Project), a hydropower project proposed to be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Mississippi Lock and Dam located on the Mississippi River near Lima Township, Illinois, in Adams County, Illinois. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Lock and Dam #20 Project would consist of the following: (1) a 300-foot-long, 120-foot-wide intake area located upstream of the powerhouse; (2) a 125-foot-long and 125-foot-wide powerhouse located adjacent to the eastern side of the existing dam; (3) two identical 20.0-megawatt (MW) Kaplan pit turbine generators with a combined net power capacity of 40.0 MW; (4) 9.4-mile-long, single overhead three-phase, 138-kilovolt line to the interconnection point; (5) new concrete guide walls constructed upstream and downstream of the powerhouse; (6) a 125-foot-wide, 150-foot-long unlined earthen excavation tailrace area; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 252.8 gigawatt hours.

Applicant Contact: Kristen Fan, Kram Hydro 10, LLC, 3120 Southwest Fwy., Suite 101, PMB 50808 Houston, TX 77098, Phone: 772-418-2705.

FERC Contact: Amir Sharifi at 202–502–8518 or Amirreza.sharifi@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–15375–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P–15375) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. CP25–43–000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 3, 2025, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221–5887, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–4–000 for authorization to plug and abandon two injection/withdrawal wells CW1051 and CW1367, abandon in place associated well line CW1051, and abandon by removal associated well line CW1367 in the Colden Storage Field (Project). All of the above facilities are located Erie County, New York. National Fuel states that the two wells proposed for abandonment provide poor deliverability; thus, the continued use of these facilities is not deemed feasible. National Fuel asserts that the Project will not result in abandonment nor decrease in service to its customers. The estimated cost for the Project is \$800,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<https://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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Public Reference Room at
public.reference.room@ferc.gov.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Meghan M. Emes, Senior Counsel, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221-5887, 716-857-7004, emesm@natfuel.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 14, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 14, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the

protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 14, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 14, 2025. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-43-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or⁶

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP25-43-000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email (with a link to the document) at: Meghan M. Emes, Senior Counsel, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York, 14221-5887, or by emesm@natfuel.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

⁶ Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Dated: January 13, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8700–006]

Amy Family Holdings, LLC, Amy Hydro LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. On December 31, 2024, Amy Family Holdings, LLC, and Amy Hydro LLC, informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Amy Ranch Project No. 8700, originally issued on October 11, 1985,¹ has been transferred to Amy Hydro LLC. The project is located on Deep Creek and Black Creek in Butte County, Idaho. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Amy Hydro LLC is now the exemptee of the Amy Ranch Project No. 8700. All correspondence must be forwarded to: Ted S. Sorenson, Amy Hydro LLC, 711 E Turtle Point Dr., Ivins, UT 84738, telephone: (208) 589–6908; and as a secondary contact: Michael Jardine, Amy Hydro LLC, 534 Holliday Dr., Ammon, ID 83406, telephone: (208) 589–5256.

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9074–054]

Boralex Hydro Operations, Inc.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 9074–054.

c. *Date filed:* December 31, 2024.

d. *Applicant:* Boralex Hydro Operations, Inc. (Boralex Hydro).

e. *Name of Project:* Warrensburg Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Schroon River, Warrensburg, Warren County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Erik Bergman, Boralex Hydro Operations, 39 Hudson Falls Road, South Glens Falls, NY 12803; Phone at (518) 480–3962.

i. *FERC Contact:* Prabha Madduri at 202–502–8017, or prabharanjani.madduri@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* March 1, 2025¹

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Warrensburg Hydroelectric Project (P–9074–054).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Warrensburg Hydroelectric Project consists of: (a) a broad crested concrete gravity dam, 184-feet-long and 22.5-feet-high, with nine 6-foot-high and 18-foot-wide hydraulically operated steel flashboards and one 6-foot-high and 18-foot-wide crest gate; (b) a 55-acre impoundment at elevation 643.6 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29), with a gross storage capacity of 500 acre-feet; (c) a 3-foot-wide by 40-foot-long intake equipped with a trash rack with 3.5 inch spacing; (d) a 38-foot by 88-foot concrete powerhouse containing a single Kaplan turbine-generating unit rated at 2,900 kW at an average net head of 28 feet, with a hydraulic capacity of 1,565 cubic feet per second and an average annual output of 11.7 GWh; (e) a reinforced concrete retaining wall, integral with the powerhouse, backfilled to an elevation of 653-feet; (f) a 171-foot-long, 120-foot wide riprap-lined tailrace channel; (g) a 0.7 mile, 34.5 kilovolt transmission line connecting to the Warrensburg Chesterton circuit; and (h) appurtenant facilities.

The Warrensburg Hydroelectric Project is operated in a run of river mode and Boralex Hydro proposes to continue operating the project in that mode.

¹ Pursuant to section 385.2007 of the Commission's regulations, if a due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date moves to the next Commission business day.

¹ Alan J. Amy, 33 FERC ¶ 62,045 (1985) (Order Granting Exemption from Licensing for a Conduit Hydroelectric Project).

o. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-9074). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/>

FERCOnline.aspx to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	March 2025.
Request for Additional Information	March 2025.
Issue Notice of Acceptance	July 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	September 2025.
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	November 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	December 2025.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-52-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on January 17, 2025, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural), 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its Gulf Coast Storage Expansion Project (Project). Natural proposes to convert approximately 10 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of cushion gas to working gas at its North Lansing Storage Field by installing (1) a new 12,000 horsepower electric-driven compressor unit at its Compressor Station 388, (2) approximately 5.88 miles of 30-inch-diameter loop line, and (3) various appurtenances, all located in in Harrison County, Texas. The Project will increase the certificated peak day withdrawal level at the North Lansing Storage Field from 1,240 million cubic

feet per day (MMcf/d) to 1,420 MMcf/d. Natural estimates the cost of the Project to be \$96,871,349. Natural states that the Project is fully subscribed and will meet its shippers' needs and the growing demand for firm storage service in the Gulf Coast region, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<https://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory, Kinder Morgan, Inc., as Operator of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC, 2 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, by phone at

(719) 667-7515 or by email at francisco_tarin@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Water Quality Certification

Natural stated that a water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required for the Project from the Railroad Commission of Texas. When available, Natural should submit to the Commission a copy of the request for certification for the Commission authorization, including the date the request was submitted to the certifying agency, and either (1) a copy of the certifying agency's decision or (2) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before February 13, 2025.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-52-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the

Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP25-52-000).

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this

proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is February 13, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP25-52-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP25-52-000.

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The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*.

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory, Kinder Morgan, Inc., as Operator of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC, 2 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, or by email (with a link to the document) at francisco_tarin@kindermorgan.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

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⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

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Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 13, 2025.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreement to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of agreement are available through the Commission's website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523-5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 201448.

Agreement Name: Hapag-Lloyd/Maersk CES TAO2 Slot Exchange Agreement.

Parties: Hapag-Lloyd AG; Maersk A/S.
Filing Party: Wayne Rohde, Cozen O'Connor.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes the Parties to exchange space on Hapag-

Lloyd's CES service and Maersk's TAO2 service in the trades between the U.S. East Coast on the one hand and ports in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Germany and the Netherlands on the other hand.

Proposed Effective Date: 03/3/2025.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/88595>.

Agreement No.: 201157-010.

Agreement Name: USMX-ILA Master Contract Memorandum of Settlement.

Parties: International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO and United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd.

Filing Party: Jim Campbell, The Lambos Firm LLP.

Synopsis: The Amendment extends the October 1, 2024 termination date of the USMX-ILA Master Contract through and including March 31, 2025, to allow time for the parties to ratify their tentative agreement.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/8153>.

Dated: January 24, 2025.

Jennifer Everling,
Assistant Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2025-01894 Filed 1-28-25; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Notice of Finding of Mass Influx of Aliens

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Finding.

SUMMARY: On January 23, 2025, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security signed a Finding of Mass Influx of Aliens. The text of the Finding is set out below.

Joseph N. Mazzara,

Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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FINDING OF MASS INFLUX OF ALIENS

On January 20, 2025, the President issued Presidential Proclamation, *Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion*. That Presidential Proclamation recognizes an “ongoing influx of illegal aliens across the southern border of the United States.” *Id.* In support of that, the order notes that “[o]ver the last 4 years, at least 8 million illegal aliens were encountered along the southern border of the United States, and countless millions more evaded detection and illegally entered the United States.” *Id.*

Section 65.83 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations allows the Secretary¹ to “request assistance from a State or local government in the administration of the immigration laws of the United States” under certain specified circumstances. Among those circumstances are when “[t]he [Secretary] determines that there exist circumstances involving the administration of the immigration laws of the United States that endanger the lives, property, safety, or welfare of the residents of a State or locality.” 28 CFR § 65.83(b).

In making such a determination, the Secretary may also determine that “an actual or imminent mass influx of aliens [are] arriving off the coast or near a land border of the United States and present[] urgent circumstances requiring an immediate federal response.” 28 CFR § 65.83(d)(1) (using identical language as 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a)(10)). Such a determination is based on “the factors set forth in the definitions contained in” 28 CFR § 65.81.

I have determined that there exist circumstances involving the administration of the immigration laws of the United States that endanger the lives, property, safety, or welfare of the

¹ Although the regulations reference the “Attorney General,” Congress has, since the publication of these regulations, transferred the authority and responsibility for administering and enforcing the immigration laws to the Secretary of Homeland Security. See Homeland Security Act of 2002 § 471, 6 U.S.C. § 291 (abolishing the former Immigration and Naturalization Service); *id.* § 441, 6 U.S.C. § 251 (transferring immigration enforcement functions from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security); Immigration and Nationality Act § 103(a)(1), 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a)(1) (“The Secretary of Homeland Security shall be charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter and all other laws relating to the immigration and naturalization of aliens . . .”).

residents of all 50 States and that an actual or imminent mass influx of aliens is arriving at the southern border of the United States and presents urgent circumstances requiring an immediate federal response. Over the last four years, our southern border has been overrun. Last month, Border Patrol encountered 47,330 aliens along the southern border. While that number is a major reduction from the peak over the last four years, it is still too high. To demonstrate, in that month Border Patrol released at least 6,920 aliens at the southwest border, the vast majority of whom are subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b). In other months during the last four years, the numbers were astronomically higher. In December 2022, for example, Border Patrol released at least 140,306 aliens at the southwest border. Whether the number is 140,000 or 6,000, this is not the way our immigration laws are supposed to work. Aliens arriving at ports of entry or entering unlawfully are supposed to be inspected. 8 U.S.C. § 1225(a)(3), (b). Unless they are “clearly and beyond a doubt entitled to be admitted,” they are supposed to be detained until either removed or they are granted discretionary relief such as asylum. 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), (b)(1)(A)–(B).

This mandatory detention serves important public safety and national security purposes. Aliens who have not completed this process have not been effectively vetted for criminality or national security threats. Current databases do not allow for comprehensive and rapid searching for foreign convictions or other public safety and national security risks. As a result, the fact that the numbers at the border are effectively forcing DHS to engage in catch-and-release practices is eliminating or thwarting legally mandated screenings and it is threatening public safety and national security. This does not account for so-called gotaways, of which there have been millions over the last four years, who are not screened in any manner.

On the basis of these facts, I find that these circumstances endanger the lives, property,

safety, and welfare of the residents of every State in the Union. In fact, the only way to effectively prevent this danger to the States is to maintain operational control of the border, which Congress defined to mean “the prevention of all unlawful entries into the United States, including entries by terrorists, other unlawful aliens, instruments of terrorism, narcotics, and other contraband.” 8 U.S.C. § 1701 note; *see also id.* (stating that the Secretary of DHS “shall take all actions the Secretary determines necessary and appropriate to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire international land and maritime borders of the United States”).

I also find, in concurrence with the President, that there is currently an influx of aliens arriving across our entire southern border, which requires a federal response. While 28 CFR § 65.81 identifies a variety of factors that “may be considered” in finding an influx, I find the most dispositive factor is “magnitude.” The magnitude of the problem is alone sufficient to find an influx. The enumerated factors, however, further support this finding. First, if the influx is not controlled, it is likely to increase. I have seen again and again that failure to control the border increases the incentives for more aliens to attempt to enter unlawfully. Second, the introduction of unvetted foreign persons—at least some of whom will unquestionable be criminals—has a likelihood to increase criminal activity. Much of the illegal entries at our southern border involve other criminal conduct, including human trafficking, drug smuggling, and sexual assault. Third, law enforcement agencies, particularly immigration enforcement agencies, face unusual and overwhelming demands. In particular, immigration enforcement agencies currently face a shortage of detention capacity necessary to comply with the statutory detention obligations of 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b).

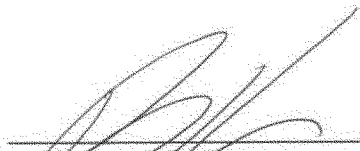
Accordingly, pursuant to the authorities under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101, *et sec.*, including the implementing regulations identified above, I find “that there

exist circumstances involving the administration of the immigration laws of the United States that endanger the lives, property, safety, or welfare of the residents" of all 50 States. I further find that an actual or imminent mass influx of aliens is arriving at the southern border of the United States and presents urgent circumstances requiring an immediate federal response. I therefore request the assistance of State and local governments in all 50 States.

This finding is effective immediately. It expires in 60 days, unless extended.

Dated:

1-23-25



Benjamin C. Huffman

Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 25XS501520; OMB Control Number 1029-0120] Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Nomination and Request for Payment Form for OSMRE's National Technical Training Courses

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 1544-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to mgehlhar@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0120 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at mgehlhar@osmre.gov, or by telephone at 202-208-2716. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may

also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the

agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The form is used to identify and evaluate the training courses requested by students to enhance their job performance, to calculate the number of classes and instructors needed to complete OSMRE's technical training mission, and to estimate costs to the training program.

Title of Collection: Nomination and Request for Payment Form for OSMRE's National Technical Training Courses.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0120.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State and Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 800.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 800.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 67.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Mark J. Gehlhar,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

[S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000
256S180110; S2D2S SS08011000
SX064A000 25XS501520; OMB Control
Number 1029–0094]

Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; General

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 1544–MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to mgehlhar@osmre.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1029–0094 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at mgehlhar@osmre.gov, or by telephone at 202–208–2716. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The information establishes procedures and requirements for terminating jurisdiction of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, petitions for rulemaking, and citizen suits filed under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Title of Collection: 30 CFR part 700—General.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0094.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State and Tribal governments and individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 5.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies 1 hour to 50 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 63.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Mark J. Gehlhar,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and
Enforcement.*

[FR Doc. 2025–01896 Filed 1–28–25; 8:45 am]

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–720 and 731–
TA–1688 (Final)]

Ceramic Tile From India; Notice of Correction Concerning Scheduling of Testimony and Presentation Dates

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.

ACTION: Correction of notice.

SUMMARY: Correction is made to the noon April 14, 2025 deadline for parties to file and serve written testimony and presentation slides in connection with their presentation at the hearing, in the *Hearing* section of the notice which was published on December 20, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the *Federal Register* of December 20, 2024, in FR Doc. 2024–30379, on page 104208, in the first column, the following correction is made:

The correct deadline dates are as follows: Parties shall file and serve written testimony and presentation slides in connection with their presentation at the hearing by no later than noon on April 16, 2025.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 23, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

[FR Doc. 2025–01857 Filed 1–28–25; 8:45 am]

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–706, 708–709
and 731–TA–1667, 1669–1670, 1672 (Final)]

Melamine From Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Qatar, and Trinidad and Tobago

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United

States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of melamine, provided for in subheading 2933.61.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, from Germany, Japan, and Netherlands that have been found by the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”) and by reason of imports of melamine from Germany and Qatar that have been found by Commerce to be subsidized by the governments of Germany and Qatar.^{2,3} The Commission also determines that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of melamine from Trinidad and Tobago that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the government of Trinidad and Tobago.⁴

Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective February 14, 2024, following receipt of petitions filed with the Commission and Commerce by Cornerstone Chemical Company, Waggaman, Louisiana. The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of melamine from Germany, India, Qatar, and Trinidad and Tobago were subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)) and that imports of melamine from Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Qatar, and Trinidad and Tobago were sold at LTFV

² 89 FR 97584, 97586, 97590, 97593, and 97601 (December 9, 2024). Commerce also found that imports of melamine from Qatar were not being sold at LTFV (89 FR 97592, December 9, 2024). On December 20, 2024, the Commission published notice of its termination of the antidumping duty investigation on imports of melamine from Qatar (89 FR 104206).

³ The Commission also finds that imports subject to Commerce’s affirmative critical circumstances determination are not likely to undermine seriously the remedial effect of the antidumping duty order on melamine from Japan. Having made a determination that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of melamine from Trinidad and Tobago, the Commission did not reach the issue of critical circumstances regarding subject imports from Trinidad and Tobago.

⁴ 89 FR 97598 and 97599 (December 9, 2024). The Commission further determines that it would not have found material injury by reason of subject imports from Trinidad & Tobago but for the suspension of liquidation of entries of subject merchandise from Trinidad & Tobago. See 19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)(4)(B).

within the meaning of 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission’s investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* on September 30, 2024 (89 FR 79637). The Commission conducted its hearing on December 3, 2024. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 705(b) and 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on January 23, 2025. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5577 (January 2025), entitled *Melamine from Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Qatar, and Trinidad and Tobago: Investigation Nos. 701–TA–706, 708–709 and 731–TA–1667, 1669–1670, 1672 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 23, 2025.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

[FR Doc. 2025–01858 Filed 1–28–25; 8:45 am]

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 25–02]

Notice of First Amendment To Compact With the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal; Correction

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge
Corporation.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) published a notice in the *Federal Register* of January 2, 2025. The notice contained an incorrect table.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Correction

In the *Federal Register* of January 2, 2025, in FR Doc. 2024–31066, on page 119, in Annex I, Exhibit A to Annex II, Multi-Year Financial Plan Summary,

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

replace the table with the following complete table:

Annex I
Exhibit A to Annex II
Multi-Year Financial Plan Summary

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(US\$)							
Component	CDF	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
1. Electricity Transmission Project							
(a) Transmission Lines Activity	99,708	64,340,935	41,235,000	51,235,000	75,320,000	60,604,643	284,521,643
(b) Substations Activity	40,370	19,712,000	22,122,000	22,122,000	15,113,435	17,895,000	99,014,435
(c) Power Sector Technical Assistance Activity	10,218	6,398,000	2,890,000	2,886,000	2,200,000	2,263,149	17,072,149
(d) Program Management and Technical Oversight Activity	10,408,712	12,121,584	6,207,000	6,207,000	7,207,000	6,529,258	48,680,258
Subtotal	10,558,712	102,572,519	73,618,000	72,450,000	96,371,931	93,717,323	449,288,485
2. Road Maintenance Project							
(a) Technical Assistance Activity	786,900	3,688,100	1,227,000	1,142,000	165,000	36,000	7,045,000
(b) Strategic Road Maintenance Works Activity	1,045,616	3,507,384	11,645,000	16,011,000	13,031,000	0.00	45,240,000
Subtotal	1,832,515	7,195,484	12,872,000	17,153,000	13,196,000	36,000	52,285,000
3. Monitoring and Evaluation							
M&E Component Activities	0.00	732,000	1,977,000	1,898,000	1,355,000	1,760,392	7,722,392
4. Program Management and Administration							
(a) MCA-Nepal Program Administration	5,577,929	4,802,387	3,714,316	3,184,316	3,717,316	5,630,316	26,626,578
(b) Procurement, Fiscal, and Audit Services	6,053,285	1,604,852	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	2,069,408	14,077,545
Subtotal	11,631,213	6,407,239	5,164,316	4,634,316	5,167,316	7,699,724	40,704,123
MCC INVESTMENT	24,022,441	116,907,242	93,631,316	96,135,316	116,090,247	103,213,439	550,000,000
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION	40,000,000	157,000,000					197,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	64,022,441						747,000,000

Dated: January 24, 2025.

Brian Finkelstein,

Acting Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2025-01877 Filed 1-28-25; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2025-015]

Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board; Members

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice; SES Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Performance Review Board (PRB). The members of the PRB for the National Archives and Records Administration are: William J. Bosanko, Deputy Archivist; Valorie F. Findlater, Chief Management and Administration; and Ovnelle Millwood, acting Chief Human Capital Officer. These appointments supersede all previous appointments.

DATES: This appointment is effective on January 29, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ovnelle Millwood, Office of Human Capital, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740, (301) 837-3467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this notice is 5 U.S.C. 4314(c), which also requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor and recommend final action to the appointing authority regarding matters related to senior executive performance.

Colleen J. Shogan,

Archivist of the United States.

[FR Doc. 2025-01897 Filed 1-28-25; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science & Engineering; Cancellation of Meeting

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice; cancellation of meeting date.

The National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** January 16, 2025, in FR Doc. 2025-00982 at 90 FR 4806, concerning a meeting of the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science & Engineering. The meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 1 p.m. (ET) is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Crystal Robinson crrobin@nsf.gov or 703-292-8687.

Dated: January 23, 2025.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer, National Science Foundation.

[FR Doc. 2025-01844 Filed 1-28-25; 8:45 am]

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-3103; NRC-2024-0225]

Louisiana Energy Services, LLC, dba Urenco USA; National Enrichment Facility; License Amendment Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has received an application from Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES), dba Urenco USA (UUSA) to amend Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) License Number No. SNM-2010. The amendment request proposes removal of License Condition 14 from Materials License No. SNM-2010.

DATES: Requests for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by March 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0225 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0225. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

- **NRC's PDR:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Rowley, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-4053, email: Jonathan.Rowley@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES), dba Urenco USA (UUSA), at the National Enrichment Facility, located five miles east of Eunice, New Mexico, submitted a license amendment request (LAR) to amend License No. SNM-2010 by letter dated September 1, 2023. The NRC staff issued a request for supplemental information (RSI) on the LAR to LES, dated November 28, 2023. LES responded to the RSI by letter and supplemented its LAR with Enclosure 1: UUSA License Amendment Request LAR 23-07 Amended Environmental Considerations Section, dated January 25, 2024. The National Enrichment Facility is a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility authorized to possess, use, and store SNM, source material, and byproduct material under Materials License SNM-2010 granted June 30, 2005. The LAR proposes deletion of License Condition 14, which prohibits the licensee from shipping depleted uranium hexafluoride to a deconversion facility that uses a deconversion process involving the production of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (AHF). The removal of the license condition would permit the transportation of the depleted uranium

hexafluoride to a deconversion facility that uses the AHF process, though currently no such facility exists in the U.S.

An NRC administrative completeness review dated February 5, 2024, found the application, as supplemented, acceptable for a technical review. On October 1, 2024, LES requested that the NRC staff temporarily suspend its

review of the current LAR. Prior to reaching a decision on the request to amend SNM-2010, the NRC will conduct both a safety and environmental review. The safety review will be documented in a safety evaluation report and will present the NRC staff's findings as required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the NRC's regulations. The

environmental review will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and will be documented in an environmental assessment.

II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS.

Document description	ADAMS accession No.
NUREG-1827, Safety Evaluation Report for the National Enrichment Facility in Lea County, New Mexico, dated June 30, 2005.	ML051780290.
License for the Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility, dated June 23, 2006	ML061780384.
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Order LBP-05-13, In the Matter of Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility). Washington, DC, dated June 8, 2005 (page 385).	ML060740251.
Commission Memorandum and Order (CLI-05-28)—In the Matter of Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility). Washington, DC, dated November 21, 2005.	ML053250203.
UUSA License Amendment Request LAR-23-07, Revise SNM-2010 to Delete License Condition 14, dated September 1, 2023.	ML23244A191.
Enclosure 1—UUSA License Amendment Request LAR 23-07, Deletion of Licensing Condition 14, dated September 1, 2023.	ML23244A192.
Louisiana Energy Services, LLC—Request for Supplemental Information Regarding Urenco USA License Amendment Request 23-07, Revise Special Nuclear Material-2010 to Delete License Condition 14, dated November 28, 2023.	ML23324A189 (Package).
Louisiana Energy Services, LLC—Response to Request for Supplemental Information Regarding LAR 23-07 and Enclosure 1: UUSA License Amendment Request LAR 23-07 Amended Environmental Considerations Section, dated January 25, 2024.	ML24025A136.
Acceptance of LAR 23-07 for Review, dated February 5, 2024	ML24037A190.
Request to Defer Public Posting of LAR 23-07, dated October 1, 2024	ML24297A122.

III. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to this action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and on the NRC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>.

IV. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as discussed below, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC's public website at

<https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/>

[site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html](https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html). A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system timestamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)–(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's

electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

Dated: January 24, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samantha C. Lav,

*Chief, Fuel Facility Licensing Branch,
Division of Fuel Management, Office of
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2025–1151 and K2025–1151; MC2025–1152 and K2025–1152; MC2025–1153 and K2025–1153; MC2025–1154 and K2025–1154]

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:* January 31, 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). 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).*: MC2025–1151 and K2025–1151; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 601 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 23, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due*: January 31, 2025.

2. *Docket No(s).*: MC2025–1152 and K2025–1152; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1321 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 23, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due*: January 31, 2025.

3. *Docket No(s).*: MC2025–1153 and K2025–1153; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 602 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 23, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 31, 2025.

4. *Docket No(s).*: MC2025–1154 and K2025–1154; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 603 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 23, 2025; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Elsie Lee-Robbins; *Comments Due*: January 31, 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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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35459; 812–15670]

Guardian Variable Products Trust and Park Avenue Institutional Advisers LLC

January 24, 2025.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) for an exemption from Section 15(c) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The requested exemption would permit a Trust’s board of trustees to approve new sub-advisory agreements and material amendments to existing sub-advisory agreements without complying with the in-person meeting requirement of Section 15(c) of the Act.

APPLICANTS: Guardian Variable Products Trust and Park Avenue Institutional Advisers LLC.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on December 13, 2024.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:

An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at Secretaries-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 18, 2025, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES:

The Commission: Secretaries-Office@sec.gov.

Applicant: Kathleen M. Moynihan, Esq., Guardian Variable Products Trust, Kathleen_Moynihan@glic.com, with copies to Corey F. Rose, Esq., Dechert LLP, corey.rose@dechert.com and James V. Catano, Esq., Dechert LLP, james.catano@dechert.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trace W. Rakestraw, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants’ representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants’ application, dated December 13, 2024, which may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC’s EDGAR system. The SEC’s EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch>. You may also call the SEC’s Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at (202) 551–8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102273; File No. SR–CboeEDGX–2025–003]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Harmonize the Equity Options Listing Rules of the Exchange in Regard to the Listing of Options Series With \$1 Strike Prices With the Equity Options Listing Rules of Its Affiliated Exchange, Cboe Exchange, Inc.

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2025, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 19.6 (Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading) to harmonize the equity options listing rules of the Exchange in regard to the listing of options series with \$1 strike prices with the equity options listing rules of its affiliated exchange, Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe Options"). The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/edgx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEEDGX-2025-003.

II. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁴ thereunder. Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; or (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁶ thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁷ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),⁸ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the

30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange to immediately amend its rules relating to the listing of options series with \$1 strike prices, thus harmonizing the Exchange's rules with those of Cboe Options and other options exchanges, and does not introduce any novel regulatory issues. Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.⁹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.¹⁰ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEEDGX-2025-003) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CboeEDGX-2025-003 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeEDGX-2025-003. To help the Commission process and review your

⁹ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission also has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange.

comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEEDGX-2025-003). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeEDGX-2025-003 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102264; File No. SR-MIAX-2025-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the By-Laws

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2025, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX" or the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by MIAX. MIAX has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) and (59).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the

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³ 15 U.S.C. 78(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Company proposes to amend the By-Laws to: (1) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors ("Board")⁵ of MIAx; (2) update the process by which the Regulatory Oversight Committee ("ROC") determines the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer ("CRO"); (3) update the process by which the ROC determines personnel actions involving the CRO and senior regulatory personnel; (4) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Quality of Markets Committee of the Board of MIAx; (5) update the process by which the compensation of all officers, employees and agents of MIAx is determined, with an exception for the compensation of the CRO; and (6) make non-substantive clarifying changes to remove outdated text regarding the ERP Member's (defined below) [stet] nominee to the Board and delete the definition of "Effective Date" collectively, the "By-Law Amendments").

The By-Laws of the Company may be amended by written consent of the LLC Member⁶ or at any regular or special meeting of the Board of MIAx Sapphire [stet] by a resolution adopted by the Board.⁷

The proposed rule change, including MIAx's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on MIAx's website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAx-2025-01.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule

Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

⁵ The terms "Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (c).

⁶ The term "LLC Member" means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company is Miami International Holdings, Inc. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (x).

⁷ See By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 8.1.

change is consistent with the Act.⁸ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAx-2025-01) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-MIAx-2025-01 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-MIAx-2025-01. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-MIAx-2025-01). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-MIAx-2025-01 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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⁸ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of MIAx.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102269; File No. SR-PEARL-2025-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAx PEARL, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the By-Laws

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2025, MIAx PEARL, LLC ("MIAx Pearl" or the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by MIAx Pearl. MIAx Pearl has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Company proposes to amend the By-Laws to: (1) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors ("Board")⁵ of MIAx Pearl; (2) update the process by which the Regulatory Oversight Committee ("ROC") determines the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer ("CRO"); (3) update the process by which the ROC determines personnel actions involving the CRO and senior regulatory personnel; (4) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Quality of Markets Committee of the Board of MIAx Pearl; (5) update the process by which the compensation of all officers, employees and agents of MIAx Pearl is determined, with an exception for the compensation of the CRO; and (6) make non-substantive clarifying changes to remove

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

⁵ The terms "Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (c).

outdated text regarding the ERP Member's (defined below) [stet] nominee to the Board and delete the definition of "Effective Date" (collectively, the "By-Law Amendments").

The By-Laws of the Company may be amended by written consent of the LLC Member⁶ or at any regular or special meeting of the Board of MIAAX Pearl by a resolution adopted by the Board.⁷

The proposed rule change, including MIAAX Pearl's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on MIAAX Pearl's website at <https://www.miaaxglobal.com/markets/us-equities/pearl-equities/rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-PEARL-2025-01.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.⁸ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-PEARL-2025-01) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-PEARL-2025-01 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2025-01. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website

⁶ The term "LLC Member" means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company is Miami International Holdings, Inc. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (x).

⁷ See By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 8.1.

⁸ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of MIAAX Pearl.

(https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-PEARL-2025-01). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2025-01 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102274; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Suspension of and Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change To Waive the Options Regulatory Fee (ORF) for December 2024

January 23, 2025.

I. Introduction

On November 25, 2024, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change (File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90) to amend its Options Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") regarding the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF").³ The proposed rule change was immediately effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.⁴ The proposed rule change was published for

comment in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2024.⁵ The Commission has not received any comments on the proposal. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act,⁶ the Commission is hereby: (1) temporarily suspending File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90; and (2) instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposed to amend the Fee Schedule to temporarily waive the ORF for the period December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and resume assessment of the ORF at the same rate of \$0.0038 per share on January 1, 2025.⁷ Noting that it adjusts the amount of ORF amount periodically to ensure that the revenue from its ORF does not exceed its regulatory costs, the Exchange proposed to waive assessment of the ORF from December 1 through December 31, 2024 "in order to help ensure that the amount collected from the ORF, in combination with other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed the Exchange's total regulatory costs."⁸ According to the Exchange, the proposed waiver was based on its "analysis of recent options volumes and regulatory costs" and its belief that "if the ORF is not adjusted, the ORF revenue to the Exchange year over year could exceed a material portion of the Exchange's ORF Costs."⁹ The Exchange proposed to resume assessment of the ORF at the same rate on January 1, 2025, "based on the Exchange's estimated projections for its regulatory costs, balanced with the observed increases in options volumes."¹⁰ The exchange previously waived its ORF for selected months in 2022 and 2023.¹¹

⁵ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

⁷ See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 101651. The Exchange also proposed a ministerial change to delete outdated language relating to a prior ORF waiver and superseded ORF rate. *Id.* The Exchange assesses the ORF on Options Trading Permit ("OTP") Holders and OTP Firms (collectively, "OTP Holders") for options transactions that are cleared by those firms through the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in the Customer range, regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs. See *id.* at 101650.

⁸ See *id.* at 101651.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.* at 101652.

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 96374 (Nov. 22, 2022), 87 FR 73372 (Nov. 29, 2022) (SR-NYSEARCA-2022-78) and 98676 (Oct. 3, 2023), 88 FR 69969 (Oct. 10, 2023) (SR-NYSEARCA-2023-68).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101868 (Dec. 10, 2024), 89 FR 101650 (Dec. 16, 2024) ("Notice").

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A). A proposed rule change may take effect upon filing with the Commission if it is designated by the exchange as "establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization." 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

III. Suspension of the Proposed Rule Change

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act,¹² at any time within 60 days of the date of filing of an immediately effective proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act,¹³ the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend the change in the rules of a self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As discussed below, the Commission believes a temporary suspension of the proposed rule change is necessary and appropriate to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change’s consistency with the Act and the rules thereunder.

When exchanges file their proposed rule changes with the Commission, including fee filings like the Exchange’s present proposal, they are required to provide a statement supporting the proposal’s basis under the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the exchange.¹⁴ The instructions to Form 19b–4, on which exchanges file their proposed rule changes, specify that such statement “should be sufficiently detailed and specific to support a finding that the proposed rule change is consistent with [those] requirements.”¹⁵

Section 6 of the Act, including Sections 6(b)(4), (5), and (8), require the rules of an exchange to: (1) provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable fees among members, issuers, and other persons using the exchange’s facilities;¹⁶ (2) perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, protect investors and the public interest, and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers;¹⁷ and (3) not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.¹⁸ In justifying its proposal, the Exchange stated that its proposed temporary waiver and subsequent resumption of the assessment of the ORF on January 1, 2025 at the same rate “is reasonable because it would help ensure that

collections from the ORF do not exceed a material portion of the Exchange’s ORF Costs.”¹⁹ The Exchange further stated that “resumption of the ORF at the current rate on January 1, 2025 . . . is reasonable because it would permit the Exchange to resume collecting an ORF that is designed to recover a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange’s projected ORF Costs” and “is based on the Exchange’s estimated projections for its regulatory costs, which are currently projected to increase in 2025, balanced with the increase in options volumes that has persisted into 2024 and that may continue into 2025.”²⁰ The Exchange also stated that the proposal is an equitable allocation of fees among its market participants and not unfairly discriminatory because the temporary waiver (and subsequent resumption of the assessment ORF on January 1, 2025 at the same rate) “would apply equally to all OTP Holders on all their transactions that clear in the Customer range at the OCC.”²¹ According to the Exchange, the proposed waiver “would not place certain market participants at an unfair disadvantage because it would apply equally to all OTP Holders on all their transactions that clear in the Customer range at the OCC and would allow the Exchange to continue to monitor the amount collected from the ORF to help ensure that the ORF collection, in combination with other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed regulatory costs.”²² Further, the Exchange stated that resumption of the assessment of the ORF on January 1, 2025 at the current rate is equitable “because the ORF would resume applying equally to all OTP Holders . . . at a rate designed to recover a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange’s projected ORF Costs, based on current projections that such costs will increase in 2025.”²³

In temporarily suspending the Exchange’s proposed rule change, the Commission intends to further consider whether the proposal to temporarily

waive assessment of the ORF for one month and resume assessment of the ORF at the same rate thereafter is consistent with the statutory requirements applicable to a national securities exchange under the Act. In particular, the Commission will consider whether the proposed rule change satisfies the standards under the Act and the rules thereunder requiring, among other things, that an exchange’s rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable fees among members, issuers, and other persons using its facilities; not permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers; and do not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.²⁴

Therefore, the Commission finds that it is necessary and appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, and otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, to temporarily suspend the proposed rule change.²⁵

IV. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove the Proposed Rule Change

In addition to temporarily suspending the proposal, the Commission also hereby institutes proceedings pursuant to Sections 19(b)(3)(C)²⁶ and 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act²⁷ to determine whether the Exchange’s proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide additional comment on the proposed rule change to inform the Commission’s analysis of whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act,²⁸ the Commission is providing

²⁴ See 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5), and (8), respectively.

²⁵ For purposes of temporarily suspending the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C). Once the Commission temporarily suspends a proposed rule change, Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act requires that the Commission institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) to determine whether a proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

²⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

²⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B). Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act also provides that proceedings to determine whether to disapprove a proposed rule change must be concluded within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of the filing of the proposed rule change. See *id.* The time for conclusion of the proceedings may be extended for up to 60 days if

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

¹⁴ See 17 CFR 240.19b–4 (Item 3 entitled “Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change”).

¹⁵ See *id.*

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

¹⁹ See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 101652. In its proposed rule change, the Exchange defined “ORF Costs” collectively to include “the Exchange’s costs for the supervision and regulation of OTP Holders, including the Exchange’s regulatory program and legal expenses associated with options regulation, such as the costs related to in-house staff, third-party service providers, and technology that facilitate regulatory functions such as surveillance, investigation, examinations, and enforcement.” *Id.* at 101650. The Exchange further stated that “ORF funds may also be used for indirect expenses such as human resources and other administrative costs.” *Id.*

²⁰ See *id.* 101652.

²¹ See *id.* at 101652.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

notice of the grounds for possible disapproval under consideration:

- Whether the Exchange has demonstrated how its proposed temporary ORF waiver (and subsequent recommencement of the assessment of the ORF on January 1, 2025 at the same rate) is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, which requires that the rules of a national securities exchange “provide for the *equitable allocation* of *reasonable* dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities;”²⁹ (emphasis added);

- Whether the Exchange has demonstrated how its proposed temporary ORF waiver (and subsequent recommencement of the assessment of the ORF on January 1, 2025 at the same rate) is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange not be “designed to permit *unfair discrimination* between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers”³⁰ (emphasis added); and

- Whether the Exchange has demonstrated how its proposed temporary ORF waiver (and subsequent recommencement of the assessment of the ORF on January 1, 2025 at the same rate) is consistent with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, which requires that the rules of a national securities exchange “not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of [the Act].”³¹

As noted above, the Exchange proposes to waive the assessment of ORF for the month of December 2024 “in order to help ensure that the amount collected from the ORF, in combination with other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed the Exchange’s total regulatory costs.”³² The Exchange further proposes to resume assessing the ORF at the same rate of \$0.0038 on January 1, 2025 because the Exchange “cannot predict whether options volumes will remain at [elevated] levels going forward and projections for future regulatory costs are estimated, preliminary, and may change.”³³ However, the Exchange’s statements in support of the proposed rule change are general in nature and lack detail and specificity. For example, the proposal states that the proposed temporary waiver of the assessment of the ORF is

equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it would not place certain market participants at an unfair disadvantage and would apply equally to all OTP Holders on all their transactions that clear in the Customer range at the OCC. However, the proposal lacks specificity regarding how assessing the ORF to participants that execute transactions from January 1–November 30, 2024, but waiving the assessment of the ORF for participants that execute transactions in December 2024 constitutes a reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory fee when such ORF revenue is used to offset the Exchange’s 2024 regulatory expenses, including those incurred in connection with transactions occurring in December 2024. In addition, as noted above, this is the third time that the Exchange has proposed an end-of-year fee waiver for ORF to avoid over-collection in excess of ORF Costs.³⁴ In light of that emerging pattern, the Exchange has not demonstrated with specificity how reimposing the unreduced ORF in January 2025 would not result in over-collection once again in 2025 beyond a general reference to potentially increased regulatory costs for 2025, and thus a question is presented as to whether reimposing the ORF at the unreduced former rate in 2025 would constitute a reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory fee.

Further, the Exchange provides only broad information on options transaction volume trends, and generalized statements regarding the Exchange’s anticipated regulatory costs for 2025 to justify its proposal. Without more information in the filing on the Exchange’s regulatory revenues attributable to ORF as well as regulatory revenue from other sources, and more information on the Exchange’s regulatory costs to supervise and regulate OTP Holders, including, *e.g.*, Customer versus non-Customer activity and on-exchange versus off-exchange activity, the proposal lacks information that can speak to whether the proposed one-month ORF waiver and subsequent resumption at the same rate is reasonable, equitably allocated, and not unfairly discriminatory, particularly given that the ORF is assessed only on transactions that clear in the Customer range and regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs, and that the ORF is designed to recover a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange’s regulatory costs for the supervision and regulation of activity across all OTP Holders.

Under the Commission’s Rules of Practice, the “burden to demonstrate that a proposed rule change is consistent with the [Act] and the rules and regulations issued thereunder . . . is on the [SRO] that proposed the rule change.”³⁵ The description of a proposed rule change, its purpose and operation, its effect, and a legal analysis of its consistency with applicable requirements must all be sufficiently detailed and specific to support an affirmative Commission finding,³⁶ and any failure of an SRO to provide this information may result in the Commission not having a sufficient basis to make an affirmative finding that a proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the applicable rules and regulations.³⁷

The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional consideration and comment on the issues raised herein, including as to whether the proposed fees are consistent with the Act, and specifically, with its requirements that exchange fees be reasonable and equitably allocated and not be unfairly discriminatory.³⁸

V. Commission’s Solicitation of Comments

The Commission requests written views, data, and arguments with respect to the concerns identified above as well as any other relevant concerns. Such comments should be submitted by February 19, 2025. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by March 5, 2025. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b–4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.³⁹

The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency and merit of the Exchange’s statements in support of the Proposal, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing,

³⁵ 17 CFR 201.700(b)(3).

³⁶ *See id.*

³⁷ *See id.*

³⁸ *See* 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5), and (8).

³⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2). Section 19(b)(2) of the Act grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by an SRO. *See* Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

the Commission finds good cause for such extension and publishes its reasons for so finding, or if the exchange consents to the longer period. *See id.*

²⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

³² *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, at 101651.

³³ *Id.* at 101652.

³⁴ *See supra* note 11.

including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by March 5, 2025.

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act,⁴⁰ that File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2024-90, be and hereby is, temporarily suspended. In

addition, the Commission is instituting proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴¹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102271; File No. SR-FICC-2025-001]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Revise the Voluntary Withdrawal Provisions of the Rules

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 13, 2025, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I, which Item has been prepared by the clearing agency. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change of FICC consists of modifications to FICC's Mortgage-Backed Securities Division ("MBSD") EPN Rules (the "EPN Rules") and FICC's Government Securities Division ("GSD") Rulebook (the "GSD Rules" and together with the EPN Rules, the "Rules")⁵ to revise the voluntary withdrawal provisions of the Rules in order to provide that a EPN User or CCIT Member may be deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn as a user or terminated its membership, if FICC is

unable to contact the EPN User or CCIT Member using the last known contacts and the EPN User or CCIT Member has not used FICC's services for at least 6 months.

The proposed rule change, including the Clearing Agency's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Clearing Agency's website at <https://www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/FICC?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-001.

II. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Clearing Agency has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁷ thereunder. Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; or (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁹ thereunder.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.¹⁰ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization->

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78b(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Clearing Agency to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Clearing Agency has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁰ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of SRO.

⁴¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57) and (58).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the EPN Rules or the GSD Rules, available at www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.

⁴⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

rulemaking/FICC?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-001) or by sending an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include file number SR-FICC-2025-001 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-FICC-2025-001. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/FICC?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-001). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-FICC-2025-001 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102272; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2025-005]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Harmonize the Equity Options Listing Rules of the Exchange in Regard to the Listing of Options Series With \$1 Strike Prices With the Equity Options Listing Rules of Its Affiliated Exchange, Cboe Exchange, Inc.

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2025, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below,

which Item has been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 19.6 (Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading) to harmonize the equity options listing rules of the Exchange in regard to the listing of options series with \$1 strike prices with the equity options listing rules of its affiliated exchange, Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe Options"). The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/BZX/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-005.

II. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁴ thereunder. Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; or (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁶ thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁷ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),⁸ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with protection of

investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange to immediately amend its rules relating to the listing of options series with \$1 strike prices, thus harmonizing the Exchange's rules with those of Cboe Options and other options exchanges, and does not introduce any novel regulatory issues. Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.⁹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.¹⁰ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-005) or by sending an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-005 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary,

⁹ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission also has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-005. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-CBOEBZX-2025-005). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CboeBZX-2025-005 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-102267; File No. SR-EMERALD-2025-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the By-Laws

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2025, MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald" or the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by MIAX Emerald. MIAX Emerald has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is

publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Company proposes to amend the By-Laws to: (1) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors ("Board")⁵ of MIAX Emerald; (2) update the process by which the Regulatory Oversight Committee ("ROC") determines the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer ("CRO"); (3) update the process by which the ROC determines personnel actions involving the CRO and senior regulatory personnel; (4) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Quality of Markets Committee of the Board of MIAX Emerald; (5) update the process by which the compensation of all officers, employees and agents of MIAX Emerald is determined, with an exception for the compensation of the CRO; and (6) make a non-substantive clarifying change to delete the definition of "Effective Date" (collectively, the "By-Law Amendments").

The By-Laws of the Company may be amended by written consent of the LLC Member⁶ or at any regular or special meeting of the Board of MIAX Emerald by a resolution adopted by the Board.⁷

The proposed rule change, including MIAX Emerald's statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on MIAX Emerald's website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings> and on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-01.

Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

⁵ The terms "Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (c).

⁶ The term "LLC Member" means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company is Miami International Holdings, Inc. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (v).

⁷ See By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 8.1.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.⁸ Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission's internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-01) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-EMERALD-2025-01 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR-EMERALD-2025-01. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-EMERALD-2025-01). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-EMERALD-2025-01 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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⁸ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of MIAX Emerald.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) and (59).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–102270; File No. SR–SAPPHIRE–2025–02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAx Sapphire, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the By-Laws

January 23, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2025, MIAx Sapphire, LLC (“MIAx Sapphire” or the “Company”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Item I below, which Item has been substantially prepared by MIAx Sapphire. MIAx Sapphire has designated this proposal for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b–4(f) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Company proposes to amend the By-Laws to: (1) eliminate the requirement to maintain a Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (“Board”)⁵ of MIAx Sapphire; (2) update the process by which the Regulatory Oversight Committee (“ROC”) determines the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer (“CRO”); (3) update the process by which the ROC determines personnel actions involving the CRO and senior regulatory personnel; (4) amend the requirement to maintain a Quality of Markets Committee of the Board so that the responsibilities of that committee pertain solely to the Trading Floor⁶

operations of MIAx Sapphire;⁷ (5) update the process by which the compensation of all officers, employees and agents of MIAx Sapphire is determined, with an exception for the compensation of the CRO; and (6) make a non-substantive clarifying change to delete the definition of “Effective Date” (collectively, the “By-Law Amendments”).

The By-Laws of the Company may be amended by written consent of the LLC Member⁸ or at any regular or special meeting of the Board of MIAx Sapphire by a resolution adopted by the Board.⁹

The proposed rule change, including MIAx Sapphire’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on MIAx Sapphire’s website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings> and on the Commission’s website at https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-02.

II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.¹⁰

one “Crowd Area” or “Pit” where Floor Participants will be located and option contracts will be traded. The Crowd Area or Pit shall be marked with specific visible boundaries on the Trading Floor, as determined by the Exchange. A Floor Broker must represent all orders in an “open outcry” fashion in the Crowd Area. See MIAx Sapphire Rule 100. The term “Exchange” means the national securities exchange operated by the Company. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (l).

⁷ The Company launched its electronic trading platform on August 12, 2024. See Press Release, Miami International Holdings Announces Successful Launch of MIAx Sapphire Options Exchange (dated August 13, 2024), available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/sites/default/files/alert-files/MIAx_Press_Release_08132024.pdf (last visited December 17, 2024). The Company expects to launch the MIAx Sapphire Trading Floor in Miami, Florida in June 2025. See Alert, MIAx Sapphire Options Exchange-Trading Floor Update: Notification of Important Dates and Access to Resources (dated December 6, 2024), available at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/alert/2024/12/06/miax-sapphire-options-exchange-trading-floor-update-notification-important> (last visited December 17, 2024).

⁸ The term “LLC Member” means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company is Miami International Holdings, Inc. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (v).

⁹ See By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 8.1.

¹⁰ Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that

Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission’s internet comment form (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-02) or by sending an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR–SAPPHIRE–2025–02 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to file number SR–SAPPHIRE–2025–02. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s internet website (https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-02). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–SAPPHIRE–2025–02 and should be submitted on or before February 19, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20960 and #20961; TEXAS Disaster Number TX–20043]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Texas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster

may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of MIAx Sapphire.

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f). At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

⁵ The terms “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company. See By-Laws, Article I, Definitions, subparagraph (c).

⁶ The term “Trading Floor” or “Floor” means the physical trading floor of the Exchange located in Miami, Florida. The Trading Floor shall consist of

for the State of Texas dated January 16, 2025.

Incident: Severe Storm, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds.

DATES: Issued on January 16, 2025.

Incident Period: December 28, 2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: March 17, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan

Application Deadline Date: October 16, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Brazoria, Montgomery.

Contiguous Counties:

Texas: Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, San Jacinto, Walker, Waller, Wharton.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.563
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 20960C and for economic injury is 209610.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Everett Woodel,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20967 and #20968; SOUTH CAROLINA Disaster Number SC-20016]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of South Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of South Carolina dated January 22, 2025.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

DATES: Issued on January 22, 2025.

Incident Period: November 6, 2024, through November 14, 2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: March 24, 2025.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan

Application Deadline Date: October 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Orangeburg

Contiguous Counties:

South Carolina: Aiken, Bamberg,

Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Lexington.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.563
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 209676 and for economic injury is 209680.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is South Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Everett Woodel,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Editorial Note: Due to a technical error, this document, originally document number 2025-01598, failed to publish in the issue of January 23, 2025, as scheduled. This notice appeared on the Table of Contents for the January 23 issue. This notice, under document number 2025-01967, will now publish in the January 29, 2025, issue of the **Federal Register**.

Solicitation for Nominations for Appointment to the Commercial Air Tour Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Solicitation for nominations for appointment to the Commercial Air Tour ARC.

SUMMARY: The FAA is publishing this notice to solicit nominations for membership on the Commercial Air Tour ARC.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 28, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Nominations can be submitted electronically (by email) to 9-AVS-AFS800-ARC-Solicitation@faa.gov. The subject line should state "ARC Nomination."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Giron, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-1100; email to 9-AVS-AFS800-ARC-Solicitation@faa.gov. The subject line should state "ARC Question."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In response to Section 363 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 ("the Act"), the FAA Administrator established the Commercial Air Tour ARC on January 14, 2025,¹ to review and develop findings and recommendations to increase the safety of commercial air tours. Furthermore, the Act requires the Administrator to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking establishing increasing safety regulations for commercial air tour operators based on the recommendations of the ARC. Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) section 106(p)(5) authorizes the FAA Administrator to establish an ARC. It is exempt from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

An ARC provides the FAA with information, advice, and recommendations on matters that could result solely in rulemaking. An ARC functions solely in an advisory capacity. This allows the FAA to work with industry and the public to improve the development of the FAA's regulations. Exchanging ideas among members through the ARC process gives the FAA additional opportunities to obtain first-hand information and insight from those parties most affected by existing and proposed regulations.

The FAA does not issue a notice of solicitation for membership on ARCs as a standard practice. However, considering the significant number of operators currently engaged in commercial air tour operations and the lack of an association group or organization representing these types of operations, the FAA deems it necessary to publish a notice soliciting interest for

this specific ARC to ensure a balanced and diverse membership to address the tasks.

Description of Duties

The ARC charter includes the scope, specific deadlines, expected deliverables, and membership composition. The ARC will undertake only tasks assigned to it by the FAA and provide direct, first-hand information, advice, and recommendations. ARC participants must:

- Attend meetings on a regular and consistent basis;
- Advise on matters of importance to the aviation industry and participating public;
- Participate in working groups, as necessary;
- Possess the authority, knowledge, and expertise to represent the organization or industry viewpoints; and
- Contribute to the recommendation report, including developing recommendations and drafting the report.

Eligibility for Membership

In accordance with Section 363 of the Act, nominees must meet one of the following criteria to be considered for membership:

1. Representatives of industry, including manufacturers of aircraft and aircraft technologies;
2. Air tour operators or organizations that represent such operators; or
3. Aviation safety experts with specific knowledge of safety management systems and flight data monitoring programs under 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 135.

For commercial air tour operators, the nominee must conduct more than 100 commercial air tours in a calendar year. Congress has established a small business provision that excepts operators conducting 100 or fewer commercial air tours in a calendar year from compliance with any newly issued regulations stemming from Section 363.

The FAA will select members based on their familiarity and experience with commercial air tours. Membership will be balanced in viewpoints, interests, and knowledge of the committee's objectives and scope. Membership will be limited to promote discussion.

Members will be appointed for a 2-year term.

Nomination Process

The FAA Administrator is seeking individual nominations for membership to the Commercial Air Tour ARC. Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for participation. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include the

following materials to be considered for membership. Failure to submit the required information may disqualify a candidate from the review process.

- A resume or curriculum vitae, which must include relevant job experience, qualifications, as well as contact information (email, telephone, and mailing address).
- A one-page statement describing how the candidate will benefit the ARC, considering how the candidate's unique perspective will advance the conversation. This statement must also identify the stakeholder group that the candidate represents, as discussed under the "Eligibility for Membership" section. Finally, candidates should state their previous experience on a Federal advisory committee and/or aviation rulemaking committee (if any), their level of expertise in the stakeholder group they wish to represent, and the size of the constituency they represent or are able to reach.
- The number and location of air tour operations conducted in a calendar year (applicable to air tour operators only).

Evaluations will be based on the materials submitted. The Administrator will make every effort to appoint members to serve on the ARC from among those candidates determined to have the technical expertise required to meet the Administrator's needs and in a manner to ensure an appropriate balance of membership. The selection of committee members will be consistent with achieving the greatest impact, scope, and credibility among diverse stakeholders. An effort will be made to appoint members who represent a range of organizations directly or indirectly impacted by FAA regulations related to commercial air tours. The Administrator reserves the discretion to appoint members to serve on the ARC who were not nominated in response to this notice, if necessary, to ensure an appropriate balance of membership.

Issued in Washington, DC.

David M. Menzimer,
Manager, General Aviation Operations
Section, AFS-830.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

**Public Notice of AIP Property Release
Idaho Falls Regional Airport, Idaho
Falls, Idaho**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, (FAA), DOT.

¹ See <https://www.faa.gov/regulationspolicies/rulemaking/committees/documents/commercial-air-tour-aviation-rulemaking>.

ACTION: Notice of request to release Airport Improvement Program Property.

SUMMARY: Notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho to waive the AIP property requirements and dispose of approximately 0.617 acres of airport property located at Idaho Falls Regional Airport, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

DATES: Comments are due within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Emailed comments can be provided to Ms. Summer Rippingale, Airport Program Specialist, Helena Airports District Office, summer.l.rippingale@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Summer Rippingale, Airport Program Specialist, Helena Airports District Office, summer.l.rippingale@faa.gov, (406) 441-5229. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the above locations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject property is located east of the airport and Snake River with all airport infrastructure currently on the west side of the Snake River. This release will allow the City of Idaho Falls to sell the 0.617 acres of Parcel 83 lying outside of the Limited Development Approach

Zone. The proceeds generated from the proposed release will be utilized for maintenance and capital improvements that support aeronautical activities. The City of Idaho Falls, Idaho will receive not less than fair market value for the property. It has been determined through study that the subject 0.617 acres will not be needed for aeronautical purposes.

Authority: Title 49.U.S.C. 47153(c).

Issued in Helena, Montana, on January 23, 2025.

Steven L. Engebrecht,
Manager, Helena Airports District Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published the name of one individual that has been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals

and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of this individual are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with this individual.

DATES: This action was issued on January 17, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On January 17, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following individual are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individual

1. YIN, Kecheng (Chinese Simplified: 尹可成), Shanghai, China; DOB 08 Dec 1986; POB Anhui Province, China; nationality China; Gender Male; National ID No. 340121198612082214 (China) (individual) [CYBER3].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(B) of Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, "Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities," 80 FR 18077, 3 CFR, 2015 Comp., p. 297, as amended by Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016, "Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities," 82 FR 1, 3 CFR, 2016 Comp., p. 659, and as further amended by Executive Order 14144 of January 16, 2025, "Strengthening and Promoting Innovation in the Nation's Cybersecurity," 90 FR 6755, for being responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, activities related to gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to a computer or network of computers of a United States person, the United States, a United States ally or partner or a citizen, national, or entity organized under the laws thereof, where such efforts originate from or are directed by persons located, in whole or substantial part, outside the United States and are reasonably likely to result in, or have materially contributed to, a significant threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States.

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has removed from OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals

and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) the names of persons whose property and interests in property had been blocked pursuant to West Bank sanctions authorities.

DATES: This action was issued on January 24, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490; or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions

programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Actions

The Executive Order (E.O.) of January 20, 2025, "Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions," revoked E.O. 14115 of February 1, 2024, "Imposing Certain Sanctions on Persons Undermining Peace, Security, and Stability in the West Bank," ("the Order"). As a result of the revocation of the Order, OFAC removed the persons listed below from the SDN List, and their property and interests in property are no longer blocked.

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Individuals

1. BAR YOSEF, Zvi (Hebrew: צבי בר יוסף), Halamish, West Bank; DOB 20 Sep 1992; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 204377998 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
2. BEN HAIM, Reut (Hebrew: רעות בן חיים), 208/5 Weitzman Blvd, Netivot, Israel; DOB 30 Jul 1986; nationality Israel; Gender Female; National ID No. 026528570 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: TZAV 9).
3. BEN PAZI, Neriya (Hebrew: נריה בן פזי) (a.k.a. BEN PAZI, Neria), Havat Rimonim, West Bank; DOB 28 Nov 1993; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 311509004 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
4. CHASDAI, David Chai (Hebrew: דוד חי חסדאי) (a.k.a. HASDAI, David Chai; a.k.a. HASDAI, David Hai), Givat Ronen, West Bank; DOB 23 Nov 1994; POB Israel; nationality Israel; Gender Male (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
5. FILANT, Yitzhak Levi (Hebrew: יצחק לוי פילנט) (a.k.a. "LEVY, Yitzhak"), Yitzhar, West Bank; DOB 15 Dec 1987; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 301184255 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
6. GOPSTEIN, Ben-Zion (Hebrew: בן ציון גופשטיין) (a.k.a. GOPHSTAIN, Bentzi; a.k.a. GOPHSTEIN, Bentzi; a.k.a. GOPSTEIN, Ben Zion; a.k.a. GOPSTEIN, Bentzi), Kiryat Arba, West Bank; Israel; DOB 10 Sep 1969; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 024526394 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
7. KOSHLEVSKY, Shabtai (Hebrew: שבתי קושלבסקי) (a.k.a. KUSHELEVSKY, Shabtay; a.k.a. KUSHLEVSKI, Shabtai), West Bank; DOB 09 Jul 1983; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 037769874 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: HASHOMER YOSH).
8. LEVI, Yinon (Hebrew: ינון לוי) (a.k.a. LEVY, Yinon), Meitarim Farm Outpost, West Bank; DOB 19 Dec 1992; POB Israel; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 203807276 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
9. LEVI, Itamar Yehuda (Hebrew: איתמר יהודה לוי) (a.k.a. LEVY, Itamar), Susya 9040100, West Bank; DOB 20 Jan 1980; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 37362951 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: EYAL HARI YEHUDA COMPANY LTD).

10. MANNE, Isaschar (Hebrew: יִשְׁשַׁכַּר מָן) (a.k.a. MANN, Issachar; a.k.a. MANN, Yissachar), Manne Farm Outpost, South Hebron Hills, West Bank; DOB 10 May 1983; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 038826939 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
11. SABAH, Zohar (Hebrew: זֹהָר סָבָה) (a.k.a. AL-SABAH, Zohar; a.k.a. SABACH, Zohar), Mevo'ot Yericho, West Bank; DOB 21 Jul 1996; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 315965525 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
12. SARID, Shlomo Yehezkel Hai (Hebrew: שְׁלֹמֹה יְחֶזְקֵאל הַי שָׂרִיד) (a.k.a. SHARID, Shlomo), Mehola, West Bank; DOB 21 Jan 1987; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 300678554 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: TZAV 9).
13. SHARVIT, Moshe (Hebrew: מֹשֶׁה שְׂרָבִיט) (a.k.a. SHARVIT, Moshe), Moshes Farm, West Bank; DOB 13 Nov 1994; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 206223000 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
14. SUISSA, Avichai (Hebrew: אַבִּיחַי סוּיִסָּה) (a.k.a. SVISA, Avihai), Yishuv HaDa'at, West Bank; DOB 01 Jul 1986; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 038172441 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
15. TANJIL, Einan (Hebrew: עִינָן טַנְגִּיל) (a.k.a. TANJIL, Einan), Kiryat Ekron, Israel; DOB 05 Jul 2002; POB Israel; nationality Israel; Gender Male (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
16. YARDENI, Eitan (Hebrew: אֵיתָן יֶרְדֵּנִי) (a.k.a. YARDENI, Eitan), Ma'on Farm Outpost, West Bank; DOB 06 Jun 2001; nationality Israel; Gender Male; National ID No. 212076517 (Israel) (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
17. ZICHERMAN, Shalom (Hebrew: שְׁלֹמֹה זִיכְרָמָן) (a.k.a. ZICHERMAN, Shalom), Mitzpe Yair, West Bank; DOB 03 Feb 1991; POB Israel; nationality Israel; Gender Male (individual) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].

Entities

1. EYAL HARI YEHUDA COMPANY LTD (Hebrew: חֶבְרַת אֵיל הָרֵי יְהוּדָה בְּעֵימָה) (a.k.a. EYAL JUDAEAN MOUNTAINS COMPANY LTD), Susya 9040100, West Bank; Organization Established Date 02 Dec 2015; Organization Type: Construction of utility projects; Registration Number 515349660 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: LEVI, Yinon).
2. HAMOHOCH FARM (a.k.a. HAMAHOCH FARM OUTPOST; a.k.a. HAVAT HA-MAHUCH), Wadi Al-Seeq, West Bank; Organization Established Date 2023; Organization Type: Raising of sheep and goats [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: BEN PAZI, Neriya).
3. HASHOMER YOSH (Hebrew: הַשׁוֹמֵר יוֹשׁ) (a.k.a. GUARDIANS OF JUDEA & SAMARIA; a.k.a. GUARDIANS OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA; a.k.a. GUARDIANS OF YEHUDA AND THE SHOMRON; a.k.a. HASHOMER YEHUDAH V'SHOMRON), 2 Esh Hakodesh, Shilo 4483000, West Bank;

Organization Established Date 2013; Target Type Charity or Nonprofit Organization; Registered Charity No. 580575629 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].

4. LEHAVA (Hebrew: להבה) (a.k.a. LAHAVA; a.k.a. PREVENTION OF ASSIMILATION IN THE HOLY LAND (Hebrew: למניעת התבוללות בארץ הקודש)), Jerusalem, Israel; Organization Established Date 2005; Target Type Charity or Nonprofit Organization [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: GOPSTEIN, Ben-Zion).
5. LIONS' DEN (Arabic: عرين الأسود) (a.k.a. AREEN AL-USUD; a.k.a. ARIN AL-USUD; a.k.a. DEN OF LIONS), Nablus, West Bank; Organization Established Date Aug 2022 [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
6. MANNE FARM OUTPOST (Hebrew: המאחז חוות יששכר מן) (a.k.a. ISASCHAR MANNE FARM OUTPOST; a.k.a. ISSACHAR MANN FARM; a.k.a. MANNE FARM; a.k.a. "MANN FARM" (Hebrew: "חוות מן")), South Hebron Hills, West Bank; Organization Established Date Jul 2020; Organization Type: Raising of sheep and goats [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: MANNE, Isaschar).
7. MEITARIM FARM (Hebrew: חוות מיתרים) (a.k.a. MITARIM FARM), South Hebron Hills, West Bank; Organization Established Date 2021; Organization Type: Raising of sheep and goats [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: LEVI, Yinon).
8. MOSHES FARM (Hebrew: החווה של משה) (a.k.a. TIRZA VALLEY FARM OUTPOST), West Bank; Organization Established Date Jan 2021; Organization Type: Mixed farming [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: SHARVIT, Moshe).
9. NERIYA'S FARM (Hebrew: החווה של נריה), Rimomim, West Bank; Organization Established Date 2019; Organization Type: Raising of sheep and goats [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: BEN PAZI, Neriya).
10. TZAV 9 (Hebrew: צו 9) (a.k.a. "ORDER 9"), Israel; Organization Established Date Jan 2024; Target Type Charity or Nonprofit Organization [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
11. ZVIS FARM (Hebrew: החווה של צבי) (a.k.a. ZVI BAR YOSEF FARM; a.k.a. ZVIS FARM OUTPOST), Halamish, West Bank; Organization Type: Mixed farming [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: BAR YOSEF, Zvi).
12. AMANA THE SETTLEMENT MOVEMENT OF GUSH EMUNIM CENTRAL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD (a.k.a. BAR AMANA SOCIETY & ASSOCIATIONS; a.k.a. "AMANA" (Hebrew: "אמנה")), West Bank; Israel; Organization Established Date 18 Feb 1979; Company Number 570025742 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
13. BINYANEI BAR AMANA LTD (a.k.a. BINYANEI BAR AMANA CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT), West Bank; Israel; Organization Established Date 08 Feb 1990; Organization Type: Construction of buildings;

Company Number 511454365 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: AMANA THE SETTLEMENT MOVEMENT OF GUSH EMUNIM CENTRAL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD).

14. HILLTOP YOUTH (Hebrew: *נוער הגבעות*) (a.k.a. NO'AR HAGVA'OT), West Bank; Target Type Criminal Organization [WEST-BANK-EO14115].
15. MOUNT HEBRON FUND (Hebrew: *קרן הר חברון*) (a.k.a. HAR HEBRON FUND; a.k.a. HAR HEVRON FUND; a.k.a. MOUNT HEBRON FOUNDATION), Ein Rehovot 33, Otniel 9040700, West Bank; Organization Established Date 2015; Target Type Charity or Nonprofit Organization; Registered Charity No. 580616100 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: LEVI, Yinon).
16. SHLOM ASIRAICH (Hebrew: *שלום אסיריך*) (a.k.a. PEACE OF YOUR CAPTIVES; a.k.a. THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR PRISONERS), Yitzhar, West Bank; Organization Established Date 2020; Target Type Charity or Nonprofit Organization; Registered Charity No. 580706331 (Israel) [WEST-BANK-EO14115] (Linked To: CHASDAI, David Chai).

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of persons whose property and interests in property have been unblocked and who have been removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for effective date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available

on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On December 11, 2024, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are unblocked and they have been removed from the SDN List under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Individuals

1. HERNANDEZ ZEA, Ana Elvia, Carrera 35 No. 53-53, Bogota, Colombia; c/o INTERCONTINENTAL DE AVIACION S.A., Bogota, Colombia; c/o INTERCONTINENTAL DE FINANCIACION AEREA S.A., Bogota, Colombia; c/o GREEN ISLAND S.A., Bogota, Colombia; DOB 28 Dec 1949; POB Tibasosa, Boyaca, Colombia; Cedula No. 41503907 (Colombia); Passport AG686192 (Colombia); alt. Passport AC594144 (Colombia); alt. Passport AE591041 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

2. LOPEZ DIAZ, Jesus Alfonso, c/o ESTABLO PUERTO RICO S.A. DE C.V., Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Avenida Const. Pedro L Zavala 1957, Colonia Libertad, Culiacan, Sinaloa 80180, Mexico; DOB 30 Sep 1962; POB Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; citizen Mexico; R.F.C. LODJ-620930 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. LODJ620930HSLPZS09 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

3. ALVAREZ CASTRO, Santiago, Colombia; DOB 31 Dec 1956; POB Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia; Gender Male; Cedula No. 70118888 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: CLAMASAN S.A.S.; Linked To: AGROINDUSTRIAS CIMA S.A.S.; Linked To: AGROPECUARIA MAIS SOCIEDAD POR ACCIONES SIMPLIFICADA).

4. CALLE SERNA, Luis Enrique (a.k.a. CALLE SERNA, Manuel; a.k.a. "COMBA"; a.k.a. "COMBATIENTE"), Carrera 24C No. 33B-108, Santa Monica, Casanare, Colombia; Calle 1 No. 56-109, Seminario B, Caro 31, Cali, Colombia; Avenida 8N No. 9N-57, Cali, Colombia; DOB 16 Aug 1976; POB Cali, Colombia; alt. POB Armenia, Quindio, Colombia; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 94487319 (Colombia) issued 31 Oct 1994; Passport AI811078 (Colombia) issued 09 May 2003; alt. Passport AH454934 (Colombia); alt. Passport 94487319 (Colombia) issued 09 May 2003 expires 09 May 2013 (individual) [SDNT].

5. LOPEZ PENA, Julio Cesar (a.k.a. "COMBA"; a.k.a. "JULITO"), Carrera 71 No. 10 Bis 103, Cali, Colombia; Avenida 40 No. 6-140, Apt. 1301, Cali, Colombia; Calle 62 No. 4C-18, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 72 No. 10 bis 21, Apt. 303, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 16 No. 21N-02, Armenia, Colombia; DOB 25 Jun 1961; POB Chaparral, Tolima, Colombia; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 16655942 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

6. RESTREPO VICTORIA, Maria Teresa, c/o AGROPECUARIA PALMA DEL RIO S.A., Ibague, Colombia; Carrera 17 No. 91-42, Apt. 502, Bogota, Colombia; DOB 04 Dec 1949; POB Garzon, Huila, Colombia; Cedula No. 41477630 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

7. RESTREPO VICTORIA, Eduardo (a.k.a. "EL SOCIO"), c/o AGROPECUARIA PALMA DEL RIO S.A., Ibague, Colombia; c/o RR TOUR, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Mexico; Calle 6 No. 3-73, Ibague, Tolima, Colombia; DOB 28 Sep 1958; POB Pital, Huila, Colombia; nationality Colombia; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 12187343 (Colombia); Passport AG989562 (Colombia); alt. Passport AE678681 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

8. VARELA, Wilber (a.k.a. GARCIA GARCIA, Jairo; a.k.a. GARCIA VARELA, Wilber Alirio; a.k.a. VARELA FAJARDO, Wilber Alirio; a.k.a. VARELA, Fredy; a.k.a. VARELA, Wilber Alirio; a.k.a. VARELA,

Wilmer; a.k.a. “DON JAIRO”; a.k.a. “JABON”), Calle 22 No. 15–53, Armenia, Quindio, Colombia; Calle 30 No. 23B–22, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 85 No. 14A–57, Cali, Colombia; Calle 11 No. 4–442, Ofc. 722, Cali, Colombia; DOB 06 Nov 1954; POB Roldanillo, Valle, Colombia; alt. POB Armenia, Quindio, Colombia; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 16891223 (Colombia); alt. Cedula No. 16545384 (Colombia); Passport AF427757 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

Entities

1. INTERCONTINENTAL DE AVIACION S.A. (a.k.a. INTERCONTINENTAL; a.k.a. “INTER”), Avenida El Dorado Entrada 2 Int. 6, Bogota, Colombia; NIT #860009526–3 (Colombia) [SDNT].
2. ASESORIAS PROFESIONALES LTDA., Calle 21 No. 15–26, Ofc. 304, Armenia, Quindio, Colombia; NIT #801000611–6 (Colombia) [SDNT].
3. RR TOUR, S.A. DE C.V., Lopez Cotilla 1994, C.P. 44140, Guadalajara, Mexico [SDNT].

Dated: December 11, 2024.

Gregory T. Gatjanis,

Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published the name of one entity that has been placed on OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC’s determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of

this entity are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with this entity.

DATES: This action was issued on January 17, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Action

On January 17, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following entity are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Entity

1. SICHUAN JUXINHE NETWORK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD. (Chinese Simplified: 四川聚信和网络科技有限公司), Area 2-b, Building A, No. 2, Sports New Village, North Side of Minjiang West Road, Deyang, Sichuan 618000, China; Organization Established Date 23 May 2014; Organization Type: Other information technology and computer service activities; Unified Social Credit Code (USCC) 91510600399136451Q (China) [CYBER3].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(A) of Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, “Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities,” 80 FR 18077, 3 CFR, 2015 Comp., p. 297, as amended by Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016, “Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities,” 82 FR 1, 3 CFR, 2016 Comp., p. 659, and as further amended by Executive Order 14144 of January 16, 2025, “Strengthening and Promoting Innovation in the Nation’s Cybersecurity,” 90 FR 6755, for being responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, cyber-enabled activities originating from, or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States that are reasonably likely to result in, or have materially contributed to, a threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States, and that have the purpose of or involve harming, or otherwise compromising the provision of services by, a computer or network of computers that support one or more entities in a critical infrastructure sector.

Lisa M. Palluconi,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of persons whose property and interests in property have been unblocked and who have been removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for effective date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel: 202–622–2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202–622–2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202–622–4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202–622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 13, 2025, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are unblocked and they have been removed from the SDN List under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Individuals

1. GASTELUM SERRANO, Francisco Javier; DOB 02 Dec 1964; POB Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; citizen Mexico; C.U.R.P. GASF641202HLSRR09 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

2. BEDOYA VELEZ, Jose Ignacio (a.k.a. "NACHO BEDOYA"), Calle 16 No. 71A–07/09, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 1G No. 71–07, Cali, Colombia; DOB 06 Jan 1959; POB Tulua, Valle, Colombia; alt. POB Armenia, Quindio, Colombia; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 16351225 (Colombia) issued 20 Jun 1977; Passport AJ126708 (Colombia) issued 26 Mar 2004; alt. Passport 16351225 (Colombia) issued 26 Mar 2004 expires 26 Mar 2014 (individual) [SDNT].

3. MEZA CAZARES, Gipsy (a.k.a. MEZA CAZAREZ, Gipsy; a.k.a. MEZA GASTELLUM, Gipsy), Mariano Escobedo No. 366–102, Colonia Centro, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Calle G. Robles No. 153, Colonia Almada Sur, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; No. 626 Calle Benito Juarez, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; c/o SISTEMA DE RADIO DE SINALOA, S.A. DE C.V., Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; c/o CONSORCIO INMOBILIARIO DEL VALLE DE CULIACAN, S.A. DE C.V., Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; c/o COMERCIAL JOANA, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 24 Sep 1973; alt. DOB 24 Sep 1972; POB Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; citizen Mexico; R.F.C. MECG730924N73 (Mexico); alt. R.F.C. MECG720924N75 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

4. PATRACA PONCE, Jorge Normando, Escobedo No. 366 Oriente, Departamento No. 102, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Calle Mariano Escobedo No. 366–102, Colonia Centro, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico; Edo. de Tabasco #1423, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; c/o SISTEMA DE RADIO DE SINALOA, S.A. DE C.V., Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; c/o OPERADORA INTEGRAL DE COMERCIO, S.A. DE C.V., Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico; Cll Cerro de San Cayetano 728, Colinas de San Miguel, Culiacan Circuito Cerro de la Silla, Culiacan Rosales, Culiacan, Mexico; Avenida Jose Maria Morelos 302 Pte, Local 3, Col. Sector Culiacan Centro, Culiacan, Sinaloa 80000, Mexico; DOB 23 Apr 1974; POB Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; alt. POB Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico; nationality Mexico; citizen Mexico; Passport 040015561 (Mexico); R.F.C. PAPJ740423DB8 (Mexico); Electoral Registry No. PTPNJR74042325H500 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK].

Entities

1. INVERSIONES TURISTICAS JOYA GRANDE, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. JOYA GRANDE; a.k.a. JOYA GRANDE ZOOLOGICO Y ECOPARQUE; a.k.a. ZOO JOYA GRANDE; a.k.a. ZOOLOGICO JOYA GRANDE; a.k.a. ZOOLOGICO Y ECO-PARQUE JOYA GRANDE), Colonia Moderna, San Pedro Sula, Cortes, Honduras; Km. 9 despues de Santa Cruz de Yojoa, San Pedro Sula, Cortes, Honduras; RTN 08019011356332 (Honduras) [SDNTK].

2. ANDAMIOS DALMINE DE MEXICO, S.A., J.J. Rousseau #14, Colonia Anzures, Distrito Federal C.P. 11590, Mexico; Calzada Aeropuerto #7258, Colonia Bachigualato, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Tuberosa #215, Colonia San Carlos, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Avenida Guerrero #3298 Norte, Colonia Del Norte, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Avenida 20 de Noviembre #12621, Colonia 20 de Noviembre, Tijuana, Baja California Norte, Mexico; Bugambilia #6313, Colonia Bugambilia, Puebla, Puebla, Mexico; Boulevard Luis Donaldo, Colosio Kilometer 10 Lote 44, Colonia Alfredo V. Bonfil, Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico; Calle 20 de Noviembre #8, Colonia Tezontepec, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico; Avenida La Paz #3308, Colonia Santa Rosa, Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico; Carretera Internacional al Norte Kilometer 15, Bodega

309, El Venadillo, Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico; Poniente 134 #769, Colonia Industrial Vallejo, Distrito Federal, Mexico; Constituyentes de 1975, #4770, Colonia Puesta del Sol, La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico; Roberto Barrios #2, Colonia Casa Blanca, Queretaro, Queretaro, Mexico; Cardenal #106, Colonia Los Sauces, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; RFC ADM821230NBO (Mexico) [SDNTK].

Dated: January 13, 2025.

Gregory T. Gatjanis,

Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Investment Security

Notice on Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties for Violations of Provisions Pertaining to U.S. Investments in Certain National Security Technologies and Products in Countries of Concern

AGENCY: Office of Investment Security, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice announcing penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2025.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Investment Security is giving notice of its updated maximum civil monetary penalties in connection with the Outbound Investment Security Program. These amounts are effective through January 14, 2026. These figures represent an annual adjustment for inflation. The updated figures and notification are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Meena R. Sharma, Director, Office of Investment Security Policy and International Relations, at U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220; telephone: (202) 622–3425; email: OIS.Outbound.Regulations@treasury.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 9, 2023, the President issued Executive Order 14105 (88 FR 54867), "Addressing United States Investments in Certain National Security Technologies and Products in Countries of Concern" (the Outbound Order), pursuant to his authority under the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including the

International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code (U.S.C.). Under section 10(a) of the Outbound Order, the President authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to promulgate rules and regulations and requires the Secretary to investigate, in consultation with the heads of relevant agencies, as appropriate, violations of the Outbound Order or the regulations and pursue available civil penalties for such violations. On October 28, 2024, the Treasury Department issued a final rule (89 FR 90398, November 15, 2024) (Final Rule) with the regulations implementing the Outbound Order.

Under § 850.701 of the Final Rule, the Treasury Department may impose a civil monetary penalty on any person that violates the Final Rule. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended (Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note) (the FCPIA Act), requires annual adjustment of this civil monetary penalty, as well as publication in the **Federal Register** of

the adjusted penalty amount. As of the date of issuance of the Final Rule, the current maximum civil penalty under IEEPA was an amount not to exceed the greater of an amount that is twice the amount of the transaction that is the basis of the violation with respect to which the penalty is imposed or \$368,136.

The method of calculating civil penalty adjustments applied in this notice is required by the FCPIA Act. Under the FCPIA Act and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance required by the FCPIA Act, annual inflation adjustments subsequent to the initial catch-up adjustment are to be based on the percent change between the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the October preceding the date of the adjustment and the prior year's October CPI-U. As set forth in OMB Memorandum M–25–02 of December 17, 2024, the adjustment multiplier for 2025 is 1.02598. In order to complete the 2025 annual adjustment, each current maximum civil penalty is multiplied by the 2025

adjustment multiplier. Under the FCPIA Act, any increase in the maximum civil penalty must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.

The Treasury Department imposes civil penalties for violations of the Final Rule pursuant to the penalty authority in IEEPA. The adjustment results in the following new maximum civil penalties:

$\$368,136$ (current maximum per violation) \times 1.02598 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = $\$377,700.17$; or an amount that is twice the amount of the transaction that is the basis of the violation with respect to which the penalty is imposed. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$377,700, or an amount that is twice the amount of the transaction that is the basis of the violation with respect to which the penalty is imposed.

Andrew Fair,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Investment Security.

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Executive Order 14156 of January 20, 2025

The President

Declaring a National Energy Emergency

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) (“NEA”), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The energy and critical minerals (“energy”) identification, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, and generation capacity of the United States are all far too inadequate to meet our Nation’s needs. We need a reliable, diversified, and affordable supply of energy to drive our Nation’s manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, and defense industries, and to sustain the basics of modern life and military preparedness. Caused by the harmful and shortsighted policies of the previous administration, our Nation’s inadequate energy supply and infrastructure causes and makes worse the high energy prices that devastate Americans, particularly those living on low- and fixed-incomes.

This active threat to the American people from high energy prices is exacerbated by our Nation’s diminished capacity to insulate itself from hostile foreign actors. Energy security is an increasingly crucial theater of global competition. In an effort to harm the American people, hostile state and non-state foreign actors have targeted our domestic energy infrastructure, weaponized our reliance on foreign energy, and abused their ability to cause dramatic swings within international commodity markets. An affordable and reliable domestic supply of energy is a fundamental requirement for the national and economic security of any nation.

The integrity and expansion of our Nation’s energy infrastructure—from coast to coast—is an immediate and pressing priority for the protection of the United States’ national and economic security. It is imperative that the Federal government puts the physical and economic wellbeing of the American people first.

Moreover, the United States has the potential to use its unrealized energy resources domestically, and to sell to international allies and partners a reliable, diversified, and affordable supply of energy. This would create jobs and economic prosperity for Americans forgotten in the present economy, improve the United States’ trade balance, help our country compete with hostile foreign powers, strengthen relations with allies and partners, and support international peace and security. Accordingly, our Nation’s dangerous energy situation inflicts unnecessary and perilous constraints on our foreign policy.

The policies of the previous administration have driven our Nation into a national emergency, where a precariously inadequate and intermittent energy supply, and an increasingly unreliable grid, require swift and decisive action. Without immediate remedy, this situation will dramatically deteriorate in the near future due to a high demand for energy and natural resources to power the next generation of technology. The United States’ ability to remain at the forefront of technological innovation depends on a reliable supply of energy and the integrity of our Nation’s electrical grid. Our Nation’s current inadequate development of domestic energy resources leaves us vulnerable to hostile foreign actors and poses an imminent and growing threat to the United States’ prosperity and national security.

These numerous problems are most pronounced in our Nation's Northeast and West Coast, where dangerous State and local policies jeopardize our Nation's core national defense and security needs, and devastate the prosperity of not only local residents but the entire United States population. The United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. In light of these findings, I hereby declare a national emergency.

Sec. 2. *Emergency Approvals.* (a) The heads of executive departments and agencies ("agencies") shall identify and exercise any lawful emergency authorities available to them, as well as all other lawful authorities they may possess, to facilitate the identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining, and generation of domestic energy resources, including, but not limited to, on Federal lands. If an agency assesses that use of either Federal eminent domain authorities or authorities afforded under the Defense Production Act (Public Law 81-774, 50 U.S.C. 4501 *et seq.*) are necessary to achieve this objective, the agency shall submit recommendations for a course of action to the President, through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

(b) Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 7545(c)(4)(C)(ii)(III), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, after consultation with, and concurrence by, the Secretary of Energy, shall consider issuing emergency fuel waivers to allow the year-round sale of E15 gasoline to meet any projected temporary shortfalls in the supply of gasoline across the Nation.

Sec. 3. *Expediting the Delivery of Energy Infrastructure.* (a) To facilitate the Nation's energy supply, agencies shall identify and use all relevant lawful emergency and other authorities available to them to expedite the completion of all authorized and appropriated infrastructure, energy, environmental, and natural resources projects that are within the identified authority of each of the Secretaries to perform or to advance.

(b) To protect the collective national and economic security of the United States, agencies shall identify and use all lawful emergency or other authorities available to them to facilitate the supply, refining, and transportation of energy in and through the West Coast of the United States, Northeast of the United States, and Alaska.

(c) The Secretaries shall provide such reports regarding activities under this section as may be requested by the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

Sec. 4. *Emergency Regulations and Nationwide Permits Under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Other Statutes Administered by the Army Corps of Engineers.* (a) Within 30 days from the date of this order, the heads of all agencies, as well as the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall:

(i) identify planned or potential actions to facilitate the Nation's energy supply that may be subject to emergency treatment pursuant to the regulations and nationwide permits promulgated by the Corps, or jointly by the Corps and EPA, pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1344, section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899, 33 U.S.C. 403, and section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1413 (collectively, the "emergency Army Corps permitting provisions"); and

(ii) shall provide a summary report, listing such actions, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"); the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy; and the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). Such report may be combined, as appropriate, with any other reports required by this order.

(b) Agencies are directed to use, to the fullest extent possible and consistent with applicable law, the emergency Army Corps permitting provisions to facilitate the Nation's energy supply.

(c) Within 30 days following the submission of the initial summary report described in subsection (a)(ii) of this section, each department and agency shall provide a status report to the OMB Director; the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; the Director of the National Economic Council; and the Chairman of the CEQ. Each such report shall list actions taken within subsection (a)(i) of this section, shall list the status of any previously reported planned or potential actions, and shall list any new planned or potential actions that fall within subsection (a)(i). Such status reports shall thereafter be provided to these officials at least every 30 days for the duration of the national emergency and may be combined, as appropriate, with any other reports required by this order.

(d) The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall be available to consult promptly with agencies and to take other prompt and appropriate action concerning the application of the emergency Army Corps permitting provisions. The Administrator of the EPA shall provide prompt cooperation to the Secretary of the Army and to agencies in connection with the discharge of the responsibilities described in this section.

Sec. 5. *Endangered Species Act (ESA) Emergency Consultation Regulations.*

(a) No later than 30 days from the date of this order, the heads of all agencies tasked in this order shall:

(i) identify planned or potential actions to facilitate the Nation's energy supply that may be subject to the regulation on consultations in emergencies, 50 CFR 402.05, promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"), 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; and

(ii) provide a summary report, listing such actions, to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, the OMB Director, the Director of the National Economic Council, and the Chairman of CEQ. Such report may be combined, as appropriate, with any other reports required by this order.

(b) Agencies are directed to use, to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law, the ESA regulation on consultations in emergencies, to facilitate the Nation's energy supply.

(c) Within 30 days following the submission of the initial summary report described in subsection (a)(ii) of this section, the head of each agency shall provide a status report to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, the OMB Director, the Director of the National Economic Council, and the Chairman of CEQ. Each such report shall list actions taken within the categories described in subsection (a)(i) of this section, the status of any previously reported planned or potential actions, and any new planned or potential actions within these categories. Such status reports shall thereafter be provided to these officials at least every 30 days for the duration of the national emergency and may be combined, as appropriate, with any other reports required by this order. The OMB Director may grant discretionary exemptions from this reporting requirement.

(d) The Secretary of the Interior shall ensure that the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Director's authorized representative, is available to consult promptly with agencies and to take other prompt and appropriate action concerning the application of the ESA's emergency regulations. The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries for the National Marine Fisheries Service, or the Assistant Administrator's authorized representative, is available for such consultation and to take such other action.

Sec. 6. *Convening the Endangered Species Act Committee.* (a) In acting as Chairman of the Endangered Species Act Committee, the Secretary of the Interior shall convene the Endangered Species Act Committee not less than quarterly, unless otherwise required by law, to review and consider any lawful applications submitted by an agency, the Governor of a State,

or any applicant for a permit or license who submits for exemption from obligations imposed by Section 7 of the ESA.

(b) To the extent practicable under the law, the Secretary of the Interior shall ensure a prompt and efficient review of all submissions described in subsection (a) of this section, to include identification of any legal deficiencies, in order to ensure an initial determination within 20 days of receipt and the ability to convene the Endangered Species Act Committee to resolve the submission within 140 days of such initial determination of eligibility.

(c) In the event that the committee has no pending applications for review, the committee or its designees shall nonetheless convene to identify obstacles to domestic energy infrastructure specifically deriving from implementation of the ESA or the Marine Mammal Protection Act, to include regulatory reform efforts, species listings, and other related matters with the aim of developing procedural, regulatory, and interagency improvements.

Sec. 7. Coordinated Infrastructure Assistance. (a) In collaboration with the Secretaries of Interior and Energy, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment of the Department of Defense's ability to acquire and transport the energy, electricity, or fuels needed to protect the homeland and to conduct operations abroad, and, within 60 days, shall submit this assessment to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. This assessment shall identify specific vulnerabilities, including, but not limited to, potentially insufficient transportation and refining infrastructure across the Nation, with a focus on such vulnerabilities within the Northeast and West Coast regions of the United States. The assessment shall also identify and recommend the requisite authorities and resources to remedy such vulnerabilities, consistent with applicable law.

(b) In accordance with section 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1631), the construction authority provided in section 2808 of title 10, United States Code, is invoked and made available, according to its terms, to the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, to address any vulnerabilities identified in the assessment mandated by subsection (a). Any such recommended actions shall be submitted to the President for review, through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

Sec. 8. Definitions. For purposes of this order, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) The term "energy" or "energy resources" means crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal heat, the kinetic movement of flowing water, and critical minerals, as defined by 30 U.S.C. 1606 (a)(3).

(b) The term "production" means the extraction or creation of energy.

(c) The term "transportation" means the physical movement of energy, including through, but not limited to, pipelines.

(d) The term "refining" means the physical or chemical change of energy into a form that can be used by consumers or users, including, but not limited to, the creation of gasoline, diesel, ethanol, aviation fuel, or the beneficiation, enrichment, or purification of minerals.

(e) The term "generation" means the use of energy to produce electricity or thermal power and the transmission of electricity from its site of generation.

(f) The term "energy supply" means the production, transportation, refining, and generation of energy.

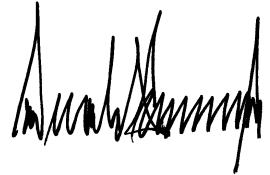
Sec. 9. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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

(ii) the functions of the Director of OMB 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,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14157 of January 20, 2025

Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. This order creates a process by which certain international cartels (the Cartels) and other organizations will be designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations, consistent with section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), or Specially Designated Global Terrorists, consistent with IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702) and Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 (Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), as amended.

(a) International cartels constitute a national-security threat beyond that posed by traditional organized crime, with activities encompassing:

- (i) convergence between themselves and a range of extra-hemispheric actors, from designated foreign-terror organizations to antagonistic foreign governments;
- (ii) complex adaptive systems, characteristic of entities engaged in insurgency and asymmetric warfare; and

(iii) infiltration into foreign governments across the Western Hemisphere. The Cartels have engaged in a campaign of violence and terror throughout the Western Hemisphere that has not only destabilized countries with significant importance for our national interests but also flooded the United States with deadly drugs, violent criminals, and vicious gangs.

The Cartels functionally control, through a campaign of assassination, terror, rape, and brute force nearly all illegal traffic across the southern border of the United States. In certain portions of Mexico, they function as quasi-governmental entities, controlling nearly all aspects of society. The Cartels' activities threaten the safety of the American people, the security of the United States, and the stability of the international order in the Western Hemisphere. Their activities, proximity to, and incursions into the physical territory of the United States pose an unacceptable national security risk to the United States.

(b) Other transnational organizations, such as Tren de Aragua (TdA) and La Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) pose similar threats to the United States. Their campaigns of violence and terror in the United States and internationally are extraordinarily violent, vicious, and similarly threaten the stability of the international order in the Western Hemisphere.

(c) The Cartels and other transnational organizations, such as TdA and MS-13, operate both within and outside the United States. They present an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. I hereby declare a national emergency, under IEEPA, to deal with those threats.

Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to ensure the total elimination of these organizations' presence in the United States and their ability to threaten the territory, safety, and security of the United States

through their extraterritorial command-and-control structures, thereby protecting the American people and the territorial integrity of the United States.

Sec. 3. Implementation. (a) Within 14 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of State shall take all appropriate action, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence, to make a recommendation regarding the designation of any cartel or other organization described in section 1 of this order as a Foreign Terrorist Organization consistent with 8 U.S.C. 1189 and/or a Specially Designated Global Terrorist consistent with 50 U.S.C. 1702 and Executive Order 13224.

(b) Within 14 days of the date of this order, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to make operational preparations regarding the implementation of any decision I make to invoke the Alien Enemies Act, 50 U.S.C. 21 *et seq.*, in relation to the existence of any qualifying invasion or predatory incursion against the territory of the United States by a qualifying actor, and to prepare such facilities as necessary to expedite the removal of those who may be designated under this order.

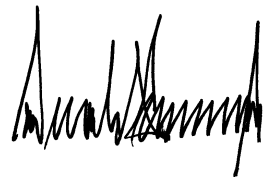
Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(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.



THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14158 of January 20, 2025

Establishing and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency"

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. This Executive Order establishes the Department of Government Efficiency to implement the President's DOGE Agenda, by modernizing Federal technology and software to maximize governmental efficiency and productivity.

Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this order:

(a) "Agency" has the meaning given to it in section 551 of title 5, United States Code, except that such term does not include the Executive Office of the President or any components thereof.

(b) "Agency Head" means the highest-ranking official of an agency, such as the Secretary, Administrator, Chairman, or Director, unless otherwise specified in this order.

Sec. 3. DOGE Structure. (a) *Reorganization and Renaming of the United States Digital Service.* The United States Digital Service is hereby publicly renamed as the United States DOGE Service (USDS) and shall be established in the Executive Office of the President.

(b) *Establishment of a Temporary Organization.* There shall be a USDS Administrator established in the Executive Office of the President who shall report to the White House Chief of Staff. There is further established within USDS, in accordance with section 3161 of title 5, United States Code, a temporary organization known as "the U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization". The U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization shall be headed by the USDS Administrator and shall be dedicated to advancing the President's 18-month DOGE agenda. The U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization shall terminate on July 4, 2026. The termination of the U.S. DOGE Service Temporary Organization shall not be interpreted to imply the termination, attenuation, or amendment of any other authority or provision of this order.

(c) *DOGE Teams.* In consultation with USDS, each Agency Head shall establish within their respective Agencies a DOGE Team of at least four employees, which may include Special Government Employees, hired or assigned within thirty days of the date of this Order. Agency Heads shall select the DOGE Team members in consultation with the USDS Administrator. Each DOGE Team will typically include one DOGE Team Lead, one engineer, one human resources specialist, and one attorney. Agency Heads shall ensure that DOGE Team Leads coordinate their work with USDS and advise their respective Agency Heads on implementing the President's DOGE Agenda.

Sec. 4. Modernizing Federal Technology and Software to Maximize Efficiency and Productivity. (a) The USDS Administrator shall commence a Software Modernization Initiative to improve the quality and efficiency of government-wide software, network infrastructure, and information technology (IT) systems. Among other things, the USDS Administrator shall work with Agency Heads to promote inter-operability between agency networks and systems, ensure data integrity, and facilitate responsible data collection and synchronization.

(b) Agency Heads shall take all necessary steps, in coordination with the USDS Administrator and to the maximum extent consistent with law, to ensure USDS has full and prompt access to all unclassified agency records, software systems, and IT systems. USDS shall adhere to rigorous data protection standards.

(c) This Executive Order displaces all prior executive orders and regulations, insofar as they are subject to direct presidential amendment, that might serve as a barrier to providing USDS access to agency records and systems as described above.

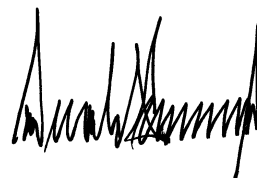
Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14159 of January 20, 2025

Protecting the American People Against Invasion

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*) and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. Over the last 4 years, the prior administration invited, administered, and oversaw an unprecedented flood of illegal immigration into the United States. Millions of illegal aliens crossed our borders or were permitted to fly directly into the United States on commercial flights and allowed to settle in American communities, in violation of longstanding Federal laws.

Many of these aliens unlawfully within the United States present significant threats to national security and public safety, committing vile and heinous acts against innocent Americans. Others are engaged in hostile activities, including espionage, economic espionage, and preparations for terror-related activities. Many have abused the generosity of the American people, and their presence in the United States has cost taxpayers billions of dollars at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Enforcing our Nation's immigration laws is critically important to the national security and public safety of the United States. The American people deserve a Federal Government that puts their interests first and a Government that understands its sacred obligation to prioritize the safety, security, and financial and economic well-being of Americans.

This order ensures that the Federal Government protects the American people by faithfully executing the immigration laws of the United States.

Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to faithfully execute the immigration laws against all inadmissible and removable aliens, particularly those aliens who threaten the safety or security of the American people. Further, it is the policy of the United States to achieve the total and efficient enforcement of those laws, including through lawful incentives and detention capabilities.

Sec. 3. Faithful Execution of the Immigration Laws. In furtherance of the policies described in section 2 of this order:

(a) Executive Order 13993 of January 20, 2021 (Revision of Civil Immigration Enforcement Policies and Priorities), Executive Order 14010 of February 2, 2021 (Creating a Comprehensive Regional Framework To Address the Causes of Migration, To Manage Migration Throughout North and Central America, and To Provide Safe and Orderly Processing of Asylum Seekers at the United States Border), Executive Order 14011 of February 2, 2021 (Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families), and Executive Order 14012 of February 2, 2021 (Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans) are hereby revoked; and

(b) Executive departments and agencies (agencies) shall take all appropriate action to promptly revoke all memoranda, guidance, or other policies based on the Executive Orders revoked in section 3(a) of this order and shall employ all lawful means to ensure the faithful execution of the immigration laws of the United States against all inadmissible and removable aliens.

Sec. 4. *Civil Enforcement Priorities.* The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action to enable the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to set priorities for their agencies that protect the public safety and national security interests of the American people, including by ensuring the successful enforcement of final orders of removal. Further, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that the primary mission of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations division is the enforcement of the provisions of the INA and other Federal laws related to the illegal entry and unlawful presence of aliens in the United States and the enforcement of the purposes of this order.

Sec. 5. *Criminal Enforcement Priorities.* The Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall take all appropriate action to prioritize the prosecution of criminal offenses related to the unauthorized entry or continued unauthorized presence of aliens in the United States.

Sec. 6. *Federal Homeland Security Task Forces.* (a) The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action to jointly establish Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) in all States nationwide.

(b) The composition of each HSTF shall be subject to the direction of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security, but shall include representation from any other Federal agencies with law enforcement officers, or agencies with the ability to provide logistics, intelligence, and operational support to the HSTFs, and shall also include representation from relevant State and local law enforcement agencies. The heads of all Federal agencies shall take all appropriate action to provide support to the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that the HSTFs fulfill the objectives in subsection (c) of this section, and any other lawful purpose that fulfills the policy objectives of this order.

(c) The objective of each HSTF is to end the presence of criminal cartels, foreign gangs, and transnational criminal organizations throughout the United States, dismantle cross-border human smuggling and trafficking networks, end the scourge of human smuggling and trafficking, with a particular focus on such offenses involving children, and ensure the use of all available law enforcement tools to faithfully execute the immigration laws of the United States.

(d) The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action to provide an operational command center to coordinate the activities of the HSTFs and provide such support as they may require, and shall also take all appropriate action to provide supervisory direction to their activities as may be required.

Sec. 7. *Identification of Unregistered Illegal Aliens.* The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, shall take all appropriate action to:

(a) Immediately announce and publicize information about the legal obligation of all previously unregistered aliens in the United States to comply with the requirements of part VII of subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 8, United States Code;

(b) Ensure that all previously unregistered aliens in the United States comply with the requirements of part VII of subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 8, United States Code; and

(c) Ensure that failure to comply with the legal obligations of part VII of subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 8, United States Code, is treated as a civil and criminal enforcement priority.

Sec. 8. *Civil Fines and Penalties.* (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Treasury, shall take all appropriate action to ensure the assessment and collection of all fines and penalties

that the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized by law to assess and collect from aliens unlawfully present in the United States, including aliens who unlawfully entered or unlawfully attempted to enter the United States, and from those who facilitate such aliens' presence in the United States.

(b) Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to the President regarding their progress implementing the requirements of this section and recommending any additional actions that may need to be taken to achieve its objectives.

Sec. 9. *Efficient Removals of Recent Entrants and Other Aliens.* The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action, pursuant to section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii)(I) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1225(b)(1)(A)(iii)(I)), to apply, in her sole and unreviewable discretion, the provisions of section 235(b)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) of the INA to the aliens designated under section 235(b)(1)(A)(iii)(II). Further, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall promptly take appropriate action to use all other provisions of the immigration laws or any other Federal law, including, but not limited to sections 238 and 240(d) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1228 and 1229a(d)), to ensure the efficient and expedited removal of aliens from the United States.

Sec. 10. *Detention Facilities.* The Secretary of Homeland Security shall promptly take all appropriate action and allocate all legally available resources or establish contracts to construct, operate, control, or use facilities to detain removable aliens. The Secretary of Homeland Security, further, shall take all appropriate actions to ensure the detention of aliens apprehended for violations of immigration law pending the outcome of their removal proceedings or their removal from the country, to the extent permitted by law.

Sec. 11. *Federal-State Agreements.* To ensure State and local law enforcement agencies across the United States can assist with the protection of the American people, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, and with the consent of State or local officials as appropriate, take appropriate action, through agreements under section 287(g) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) or otherwise, to authorize State and local law enforcement officials, as the Secretary of Homeland Security determines are qualified and appropriate, to perform the functions of immigration officers in relation to the investigation, apprehension, or detention of aliens in the United States under the direction and the supervision of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Such authorization shall be in addition to, rather than in place of, Federal performance of these duties. To the extent permitted by law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may structure each agreement under section 287(g) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1357(g)) in the manner that provides the most effective model for enforcing Federal immigration laws in that jurisdiction.

Sec. 12. *Encouraging Voluntary Compliance with the Law.* The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, and subject to adequate safeguards, assurances, bonds, and any other lawful measure, to adopt policies and procedures to encourage aliens unlawfully in the United States to voluntarily depart as soon as possible, including through enhanced usage of the provisions of section 240B of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1229c), international agreements or assistance, or any other measures that encourage aliens unlawfully in the United States to depart as promptly as possible, including through removals of aliens as provided by section 250 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1260).

Sec. 13. *Recalcitrant Countries.* The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action to:

(a) Cooperate and effectively implement, as appropriate, the sanctions provided by section 243(d) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1253(d)), with the Secretary of State, to the maximum extent permitted by law, ensuring that diplomatic

efforts and negotiations with foreign states include the foreign states' acceptance of their nationals who are subject to removal from the United States; and

(b) Eliminate all documentary barriers, dilatory tactics, or other restrictions that prevent the prompt repatriation of aliens to any foreign state. Any failure or delay by a foreign state to verify the identity of a national of that state shall be considered in carrying out subsection (a) this section, and shall also be considered regarding the issuance of any other sanctions that may be available to the United States.

Sec. 14. *Visa Bonds.* The Secretary of Treasury shall take all appropriate action, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to establish a system to facilitate the administration of all bonds that the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security may lawfully require to administer the provisions of the INA.

Sec. 15. *Reestablishment of the VOICE Office and Addressing Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens.* The Secretary of Homeland Security shall direct the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to take all appropriate and lawful action to reestablish within ICE an office to provide proactive, timely, adequate, and professional services to victims of crimes committed by removable aliens, and those victims' family members. The Attorney General shall also ensure that the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3771 are followed in all Federal prosecutions involving crimes committed by removable aliens.

Sec. 16. *Addressing Actions by the Previous Administration.* The Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall promptly take all appropriate action, consistent with law, to rescind the policy decisions of the previous administration that led to the increased or continued presence of illegal aliens in the United States, and align any and all departmental activities with the policies set out by this order and the immigration laws. Such action should include, but is not limited to:

(a) ensuring that the parole authority under section 212(d)(5) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is exercised on only a case-by-case basis in accordance with the plain language of the statute, and in all circumstances only when an individual alien demonstrates urgent humanitarian reasons or a significant public benefit derived from their particular continued presence in the United States arising from such parole;

(b) ensuring that designations of Temporary Protected Status are consistent with the provisions of section 244 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1254a), and that such designations are appropriately limited in scope and made for only so long as may be necessary to fulfill the textual requirements of that statute; and

(c) ensuring that employment authorization is provided in a manner consistent with section 274A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1324a), and that employment authorization is not provided to any unauthorized alien in the United States.

Sec. 17. *Sanctuary Jurisdictions.* The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, to the maximum extent possible under law, evaluate and undertake any lawful actions to ensure that so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which seek to interfere with the lawful exercise of Federal law enforcement operations, do not receive access to Federal funds. Further, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall evaluate and undertake any other lawful actions, criminal or civil, that they deem warranted based on any such jurisdiction's practices that interfere with the enforcement of Federal law.

Sec. 18. *Information Sharing.* (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall promptly issue guidance to ensure maximum compliance by Department of Homeland Security personnel with the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1373 and 8 U.S.C. 1644 and ensure that State and local governments are provided with the information necessary to fulfill law enforcement, citizenship, or immigration status verification requirements authorized by law; and

(b) The Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all appropriate action to stop the trafficking and smuggling of alien children into the United States, including through the sharing of any information necessary to assist in the achievement of that objective.

Sec. 19. *Funding Review.* The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall:

(a) Immediately review and, if appropriate, audit all contracts, grants, or other agreements providing Federal funding to non-governmental organizations supporting or providing services, either directly or indirectly, to removable or illegal aliens, to ensure that such agreements conform to applicable law and are free of waste, fraud, and abuse, and that they do not promote or facilitate violations of our immigration laws;

(b) Pause distribution of all further funds pursuant to such agreements pending the results of the review in subsection (a) of this section;

(c) Terminate all such agreements determined to be in violation of law or to be sources of waste, fraud, or abuse and prohibit any such future agreements;

(d) Coordinate with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that no funding for agreements described in subsection (c) of this section is included in any appropriations request for the Department of Justice or the Department of Homeland Security; and

(e) Initiate clawback or recoupment procedures, if appropriate, for any agreements described in subsection (c) of this section.

Sec. 20. *Denial of Public Benefits to Illegal Aliens.* The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall take all appropriate action to ensure that all agencies identify and stop the provision of any public benefits to any illegal alien not authorized to receive them under the provisions of the INA or other relevant statutory provisions.

Sec. 21. *Hiring More Agents and Officers.* Subject to available appropriations, the Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall take all appropriate action to significantly increase the number of agents and officers available to perform the duties of immigration officers.

Sec. 22. *Severability.* It is the policy of the United States to enforce this order to the maximum extent possible to advance the interests of the United States. Accordingly:

(a) If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this order and the application of its other provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby; and

(b) If any provision of this order, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid because of the failure to follow certain procedures, the relevant executive branch officials shall implement those procedural requirements to conform with existing law and with any applicable court orders.

Sec. 23. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

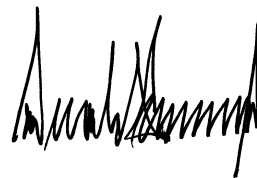
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 20, 2025.

Presidential Documents

Executive Order 14160 of January 20, 2025

Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The privilege of United States citizenship is a priceless and profound gift. The Fourteenth Amendment states: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” That provision rightly repudiated the Supreme Court of the United States’s shameful decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. (19 How.) 393 (1857), which misinterpreted the Constitution as permanently excluding people of African descent from eligibility for United States citizenship solely based on their race.

But the Fourteenth Amendment has never been interpreted to extend citizenship universally to everyone born within the United States. The Fourteenth Amendment has always excluded from birthright citizenship persons who were born in the United States but not “subject to the jurisdiction thereof.” Consistent with this understanding, the Congress has further specified through legislation that “a person born in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof” is a national and citizen of the United States at birth, 8 U.S.C. 1401, generally mirroring the Fourteenth Amendment’s text.

Among the categories of individuals born in the United States and not subject to the jurisdiction thereof, the privilege of United States citizenship does not automatically extend to persons born in the United States: (1) when that person’s mother was unlawfully present in the United States and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth, or (2) when that person’s mother’s presence in the United States at the time of said person’s birth was lawful but temporary (such as, but not limited to, visiting the United States under the auspices of the Visa Waiver Program or visiting on a student, work, or tourist visa) and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth.

Sec. 2. Policy. (a) It is the policy of the United States that no department or agency of the United States government shall issue documents recognizing United States citizenship, or accept documents issued by State, local, or other governments or authorities purporting to recognize United States citizenship, to persons: (1) when that person’s mother was unlawfully present in the United States and the person’s father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth, or (2) when that person’s mother’s presence in the United States was lawful but temporary, and the person’s father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person’s birth.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply only to persons who are born within the United States after 30 days from the date of this order.

(c) Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect the entitlement of other individuals, including children of lawful permanent residents, to obtain documentation of their United States citizenship.

Sec. 3. Enforcement. (a) The Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Commissioner of Social Security shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the regulations and policies

of their respective departments and agencies are consistent with this order, and that no officers, employees, or agents of their respective departments and agencies act, or forbear from acting, in any manner inconsistent with this order.

(b) The heads of all executive departments and agencies shall issue public guidance within 30 days of the date of this order regarding this order's implementation with respect to their operations and activities.

Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this order:

(a) "Mother" means the immediate female biological progenitor.

(b) "Father" means the immediate male biological progenitor.

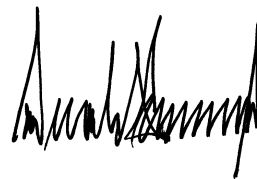
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