

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Conforming Amendments to Product Exclusion Extensions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of amendments to recently extended COVID product exclusions.

SUMMARY: On May 17, 2023, USTR announced the extension of 77 COVID exclusions through September 30, 2023. To conform with the tariff classifications set out by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) effective November 30, 2020, and changes to statistical reporting categories set out by the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) effective January 27, 2022, USTR is making conforming amendments to four exclusions in the May 17, 2023 notice.

DATES: The conforming amendments in the Annex to this notice are effective June 1, 2023. CBP will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Rachel Hasandras at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusion identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On September 30, 2020, CBP issued a notice on the tariff classification of nonwoven wipes. *Revocation of Eleven Ruling Letters, Modification of One Ruling Letter and Proposed Revocation of Treatment Relating to the Tariff Classification of Nonwoven Wipes, Customs Bulletin and Decisions*, Vol 54, No. 38, at 58 (September 30, 2020) (September 30 notice).

Additionally, effective January 27, 2022, the USITC implemented certain changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to reflect Harmonized System modifications adopted by the World Customs Organization and changes to statistical reporting categories.

Subsequently, on May 17, 2023, USTR announced the extension of 77 COVID product exclusions through September 30, 2023 (May 17 notice). See 88 FR 31580 (May 17, 2023). However, four of

the published exclusions did not reflect the recent changes by CBP and USITC.

B. Conforming Amendments to Exclusion Extensions

The Annex to this notice conforms one of the extended COVID exclusions announced by USTR on May 17, 2023 with CBP's September 30, 2020 notice relating to the tariff classification of nonwoven wipes, and conforms three of the extended COVID exclusions announced by USTR on May 17, 2023 with the January 27, 2022 changes to ten-digit statistical reporting categories in the HTSUS. In particular, the Annex makes conforming amendments to U.S. notes 20(uuu)(i)(1), 20(uuu)(iii)(11), 20(uuu)(iii)(12), and 20(uuu)(iii)(13) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annex to the notice published at 88 FR 31580 (May 17, 2023).

Annex

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 1, 2023 and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 30, 2023, note 20(uuu)(i)(1) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is amended by deleting “8421.39.8090” and by inserting “8421.39.0190” in lieu thereof.

B. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 1, 2023 and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 30, 2023, note 20(uuu)(iii)(11) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is amended by deleting “3401.30.5000” and by inserting “3401.11.5000” in lieu thereof.

C. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 1, 2023 and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 30, 2023, note 20(uuu)(iii)(12) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is amended by deleting “3824.99.9297” and by inserting “3824.99.9397” in lieu thereof.

D. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 1, 2023 and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 30, 2023, note 20(uuu)(iii)(13) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is amended by deleting “3824.99.9297” and by inserting “3824.99.9397” in lieu thereof.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Membership in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS) invite interested persons to apply to fill one current and five upcoming vacancies on the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). This notice invites interested persons to apply for the openings. The current opening is for a representative of Native American tribes. The upcoming openings are for another representative of Native American tribes, two representatives of the commercial air tour operators, and three representatives of environmental concerns.

DATES: Persons interested in these membership openings will need to apply by July 27, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandi Fox, Environmental Protection Specialist, FAA Office of Environment and Energy, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Suite 900W, Washington, DC 20591, telephone: (202) 267–0928, email: Sandra.Y.Fox@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181, and subsequently amended in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within one year after its enactment. The NPOAG was established in March 2001. The advisory group is comprised of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operators, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

In accordance with the Act, the advisory group provides “advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

(1) On the implementation of this title [the Act] and the amendments made by this title;

(2) On commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;

(3) On other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and

(4) At the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands.”

Membership

The current NPOAG is made up of one member representing general aviation, three members representing commercial air tour operators, four members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American tribes. Members serve three-year terms. Current members of the NPOAG are as follows: Murray Huling representing general aviation; Eric Lincoln, James Viola, and John Becker representing commercial air tour operators; Robert Randall, Dick Hingson, Les Blomberg, and John Eastman representing environmental interests; and Carl Slater representing Native American tribes, with one current opening for a Native American tribe representative. The three-year terms of Mr. Becker, Mr. Blomberg, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Hingson, and Mr. Viola expire on August 30, 2023.

Selections

To retain balance within the NPOAG, the FAA and NPS are seeking candidates interested in filling the one current vacant seat representing Native American tribes, two upcoming vacancies representing the commercial air tour industry, and three upcoming vacancies representing environmental concerns. The FAA and NPS invite persons interested in these openings on the NPOAG to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Requests to serve on the NPOAG must be made in writing and postmarked or emailed on or before July 27, 2023. Any request to fill one of these seats must describe the requestor's affiliation with commercial air tour operators, environmental concerns, or federally recognized Native American tribes, as appropriate. The request should also explain what expertise the requestor would bring to the NPOAG as related to issues and concerns with aircraft flights over national parks or tribal lands. The term of service for NPOAG members is 3 years. Members may re-apply for another term.

On August 13, 2014, the Office of Management and Budget issued revised guidance regarding the prohibition against appointing or not reappointing federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees (79 FR 47482). Therefore, before appointing an applicant to serve on the NPOAG, the FAA and NPS will require the prospective candidate to certify that they are not a federally registered lobbyist.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA–2023–1282]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of New Approval of Information Collection: Certificates of Waivers Under 14 CFR 91.903 Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment. The FAA proposes collecting information related to requests for certificate of waivers to operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in deviation from the normal operating rules. The FAA will use the collected information to make determinations whether to authorize or deny the requested operation of UAS. The proposed information collection is necessary to issue such authorizations or denials consistent with the FAA's mandate to ensure safe and efficient use of national airspace. This notice was already published and the dates for comments submission has been updated.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by August 11, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:

www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field)

By mail: FAA HQ, Bldg. 10B, 5th floor,
Desk 5E4TS, 600 Independence Ave.
SW, Washington, DC 20597

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rahat Ali by email at: *Rahat.Ali@faa.gov*; phone: 202–267–8780.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The list of rules subject to waiver requests is found in 14 CFR 91.905.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120–XXXX.

Title: Certificates of Waivers under 14 CFR 91.903.

Form Numbers: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Approval of new Information Collection.

Background: Title 14, Part 91 of the Code of Federal Regulations prescribes the rules governing the operation of aircraft within the United States. Included in this is the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, by both civil and public aircraft operators. 14 CFR 91.903 allows for operators of aircraft to apply for a certificate of waiver authorizing the operator to deviate from the rules listed in § 91.905 if the proposed operation can be conducted safely.

To process certificate of waiver requests, the FAA requires the name of the person or organization sponsoring the request, mailing address, information related to any pending or to prior waiver requests that were denied or rescinded, the regulation sought to deviate from, time and location of the proposed operation, the make and model of the aircraft, and the pilot's name, address, and certificate number and rating. This information is necessary for the FAA to meet its statutory mandate of maintaining a safe and efficient national airspace. See 49 U.S.C. 40103, 44701, and 44807. The FAA will use the requested information to determine if the proposed UAS operation can be conducted safely.

The FAA proposes to use a web portal accessible from the FAA website to