

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)(1)

U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	Date of violation and corresponding penalty			
		10/23/2004 through 10/22/2008	10/23/2008 through 10/22/2012	10/23/2012 through 11/01/2015	11/02/2015 to present
Civil Monetary Penalty Imposed By The Commission In An Administrative Action					
7 U.S.C. 9 (section 6(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act).	For any person other than a registered entity <sup>1</sup> ....	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$140,000	\$194,710
7 U.S.C. 13a (section 6b of the Commodity Exchange Act).	For a registered entity <sup>1</sup> or any of its directors, officers or employees.	625,000	675,000	700,000	1,072,570
Civil Monetary Penalty Imposed By A Federal District Court In A Civil Injunctive Action					
7 U.S.C. 13a–1 (section 6c of the Commodity Exchange Act).	Any Person .....	130,000	140,000	140,000	214,514

<sup>1</sup> The term “registered entity” is defined in 7 U.S.C. 1a (section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act).

(2) For manipulation or attempted manipulation violations:

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)(2)

U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	Date of violation and corresponding penalty			
		10/23/2004 through 05/21/2008	05/22/2008 through 08/14/2011	08/15/2011 through 11/01/2015	11/02/2015 to present
Civil Monetary Penalty Imposed By The Commission In An Administrative Action					
7 U.S.C. 9 (section 6(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act).	For any person other than a registered entity <sup>1</sup> ....	\$130,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,025,000	\$1,404,520
7 U.S.C. 13a (section 6b of the Commodity Exchange Act).	For a registered entity <sup>1</sup> or any of its directors, officers or employees.	625,000	1,000,000	1,025,000	1,404,520
Civil Monetary Penalty Imposed By A Federal District Court In A Civil Injunctive Action					
7 U.S.C. 13a–1 (section 6c of the Commodity Exchange Act).	Any Person .....	130,000	1,000,000	1,025,000	1,404,520

<sup>1</sup> The term “registered entity” is defined in 7 U.S.C. 1a (section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2023, by the Commission.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

**Note:** The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### Appendix to Annual Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation—2023—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Behnam and Commissioners Johnson, Goldsmith Romero, Mersinger, and Pham voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

#### 21 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. FDA–2017–D–5225]

#### Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals: Guidance for Industry; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing the availability of a final guidance entitled “Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals: Guidance for Industry.” This guidance document provides our thinking on how importers of food for humans and animals can comply with the regulation on foreign supplier verification programs (FSVPs) issued on November 27, 2015. The guidance announced in

this notice finalizes the draft guidance of the same title dated January 24, 2018.

**DATES:** The announcement of guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

#### Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that

identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

#### Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2017-D-5225 for “Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals: Guidance for Industry.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions**—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For

more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Compliance Policy Staff, Office of Compliance, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Dr., College Park, MD 20740, [CFSANCompliancePolicy@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CFSANCompliancePolicy@fda.hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of November 27, 2015 (80 FR 74226), we issued a final rule adopting a regulation on FSVPs for importers of food for humans and animals (FSVP final rule) (see, 21 CFR part 1, subpart L). The FSVP final rule implements section 301 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) (Pub. L. 111-353), which enables the Agency to better protect public health by helping to ensure the safety and security of the food supply.

Section 301 of FSMA added section 805 to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 384a) to require persons who import food into the United States to perform risk-based foreign supplier verification activities. In addition to directing FDA to issue regulations on the content of FSVPs, section 805 of the FD&C Act directs FDA to issue guidance to assist importers in developing FSVPs.

In accordance with section 805 of the FD&C Act, we are announcing the availability of a final guidance entitled, “Foreign Supplier Verification Programs

for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals: Guidance for Industry.” This guidance provides our thinking on how to comply with the FSVP regulation, including, but not limited to, requirements to analyze the hazards in food, evaluate a potential foreign supplier’s performance and the risk posed by a food, and determine and conduct appropriate foreign supplier verification activities. The guidance also addresses how importers can meet the modified FSVP requirements for importers of dietary supplements, very small importers, importers of food from certain small foreign suppliers, and importers of food from countries whose food safety systems we have officially recognized as comparable or determined to be equivalent to that of the United States.

In the **Federal Register** of January 24, 2018 (83 FR 3443) we made available a draft guidance for industry entitled “Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals” and gave interested parties an opportunity to submit comments by May 25, 2018, for us to consider before beginning work on the final version of the guidance. We received several comments on the draft guidance and those comments were considered as the guidance was finalized. A summary of changes includes additional clarification regarding to what foods the FSVP regulation applies, what information must be included in the FSVP, who may develop and perform FSVP activities, what hazard analysis must be conducted, what foreign supplier approval and verification activities must be conducted, what requirements apply for importing a food for which the hazards will be controlled after importation, how FSVP records must be maintained, what FSVP requirements apply for imported dietary supplement components, and what FSVP requirements apply to very small importers or when importing food for certain small foreign suppliers. In addition, editorial changes were made to improve clarity. The guidance announced in this notice finalizes the draft guidance dated January 24, 2018.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals: Guidance for Industry.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

## II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

While this guidance contains no collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) is not required for this guidance. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by OMB under the PRA. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 1, subpart L have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0752.

## III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidance at either <https://www.fda.gov/FoodGuidances>, <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the FDA website listed in the previous sentence to find the most current version of the guidance.

Dated: January 5, 2023.

**Lauren K. Roth,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### 22 CFR Parts 35, 103, 127, and 138

[Public Notice: 11959]

RIN 1400–AF59

#### Department of State 2023 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflationary Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule is issued to adjust the civil monetary penalties (CMP) for regulatory provisions maintained and enforced by the Department of State. The revised CMP adjusts the amount of civil monetary penalties assessed by the Department of State based on the December 2022 guidance from the Office of Management and Budget and by recent legislation. For penalties adjusted according to the December 2022 guidance, the new amounts will apply only to those penalties assessed on or after the effective date of this rule, regardless of the date on which the underlying facts or violations occurred. For the penalty adjusted according to recent legislation, the new amounts will apply only to those penalties assessed

for violations occurring on or after December 27, 2022.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on January 11, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alice Kottmyer, Attorney-Adviser, Office of Management, [kottmyeram@state.gov](mailto:kottmyeram@state.gov). ATTN: Regulatory Change, CMP Adjustments, (202) 647–2318.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101–410, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104–134, required the head of each agency to adjust its CMPs for inflation no later than October 23, 1996 and required agencies to make adjustments at least once every four years thereafter. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, Section 701 of Pub. L. 114–74 (the 2015 Act) further amended the 1990 Act by requiring agencies to adjust CMPs, if necessary, pursuant to a “catch-up” adjustment methodology prescribed by the 2015 Act, which mandated that the catch-up adjustment take effect no later than August 1, 2016. Additionally, the 2015 Act required agencies to make annual adjustments to their respective CMPs in accordance with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Based on these statutes, the Department of State (the Department) published a final rule in June 2016<sup>1</sup> to implement the “catch-up” provisions; and annual updates to its CMPs in January 2017,<sup>2</sup> January 2018,<sup>3</sup> March 2019 (delayed due to the Government shutdown),<sup>4</sup> January 2020,<sup>5</sup> February 2021 (delayed due to transition issues),<sup>6</sup> and January 2022.<sup>7</sup>

On December 15, 2022, OMB notified agencies that the annual cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for fiscal year (FY) 2023, based on the Consumer Price Index, is 1.07745. Additional information may be found in OMB Memorandum M–23–05 at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/M-23-05-CMP-CMP-Guidance.pdf>. This final rule amends Department CMPs for fiscal year 2023, with the exception of the CMP for violation of 22 U.S.C 2778 at 22 CFR 127.10(a)(1)(i), which is amended in accordance with section 9708 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, Pub. L. 117–263.

## Overview of the Areas Affected by This Rule

Within the Department of State (title 22, Code of Federal Regulations), this rule affects four areas:

(1) Part 35, which implements the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (PFCRA), codified at 31 U.S.C. 3801–3812;

(2) Part 103, which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998 (CWC Act) (22 U.S.C. 6761);

(3) Part 127, which implements the penalty provisions of sections 38(e), 39A(c), and 40(k) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2778(e), 2779a(c), and 2780(k)); and

(4) Part 138, which implements section 319 of Pub. L. 101–121, codified at 31 U.S.C. 1352, which prohibits recipients of Federal contracts, grants, and loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract.

## Specific Changes to 22 CFR Made by this Rule

### I. Part 35

The PFCRA, enacted in 1986, authorizes agencies, with approval from the Department of Justice, to pursue individuals or firms for false claims. Applying the FY 2023 inflationary adjustment of 1.07745, the new maximum penalty is \$13,508 for each false claim or statement, up to a maximum of \$405,270.

### II. Part 103

The CWC Act provided domestic implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction. The penalty provisions of the CWC Act are codified at 22 U.S.C. 6761. Applying the FY 2023 multiplier, the new maximum amounts are as follows: prohibited acts related to inspections, \$45,429; for recordkeeping violations, \$9,086.

### III. Part 127

The Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs is responsible for the imposition of CMPs under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), which is administered by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC).

<sup>1</sup> 81 FR 36771 (Jun. 8, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> 82 FR 3168 (Jan. 11, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> 83 FR 234 (Jan. 3, 2018).

<sup>4</sup> 84 FR 9957 (Mar. 19, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> 85 FR 2020 (Jan. 14, 2020).

<sup>6</sup> 86 FR 7804 (Feb. 2, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> 87 FR 1072 (Jan. 10, 2022).