I. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements, and a submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) is not required. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

J. National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. A detailed statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required because the rule is covered by a categorical exclusion (see 43 CFR 46.210(l)). This rule is excluded from the requirement to prepare a detailed statement because it is a regulation of an administrative nature. We have also determined that the rule does not involve any of the extraordinary circumstances listed in 43 CFR 46.215 that would require further analysis under NEPA.

K. Effects on the Energy Supply (E.O. 13211)

This rule is not a significant energy action under the definition in Executive Order 13211. A Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

L. Clarity of This Regulation

We are required by Executive Orders 12866 (section 1(b)(12)), 12988 (section 3(b)(1)(B)), and 13563 (section 1(a)), and by the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1996, to write all rules in plain language. This means that each rule we publish must:

(a) Be logically organized;
(b) Use the active voice to address readers directly;
(c) Use common, everyday words and clear language rather than jargon;
(d) Be divided into short sections and sentences; and
(e) Use lists and tables wherever possible.

If you feel that we have not met these requirements, send us comments by one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your comments should be as specific as possible. For example, you should tell us the numbers of the sections or paragraphs that you find unclear, which sections or sentences are too long, the sections where you feel lists or tables would be useful, etc.

M. Administrative Procedure Act

The FCPIA of 2015 requires agencies to publish interim final rules by July 1, 2016, with an effective date for the adjusted penalties of no later than August 1, 2016. To comply with the FCPIA of 2015, we are issuing these regulations as an interim final rule and are requesting comments post-promulgation. The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) provides that, when an agency for good cause finds that “notice and public procedure . . . are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest,” the agency may issue a rule without providing notice and an opportunity for prior public comment. 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

BOEM finds that there is good cause to promulgate this rule without first providing for public comment. It would not be practicable to meet the deadlines imposed by the FCPIA of 2015 if we were to first publish a proposed rule, allow the public sufficient time to submit comments, analyze the comments, and publish a final rule. Also, BOEM is promulgating this final rule to implement the statutory directive in the FCPIA of 2015, which requires agencies to publish an interim final rule and to update the civil penalty amounts by applying a specified formula. BOEM has no discretion to vary the amount of the adjustment to reflect any views or suggestions provided by commenters, so notice and comment is unnecessary.

Accordingly, it would serve no purpose to provide an opportunity for pre-promulgation public comment on this rule. Thus, BOEM finds pre-promulgation notice and public comment to be impracticable and unnecessary.

List of Subjects

30 CFR Part 550

Administrative practice and procedure, Continental shelf, environmental impact statements, environmental protection, federal lands, government contracts, investigations, oil and gas exploration, outer continental shelf, penalties, pipelines, mineral resources, rights-of-way, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, sulfur.

30 CFR Part 553

Administrative practice and procedure, Continental shelf, Financial responsibility, OCS, Oil and gas exploration, Oil pollution, Liability, Limit of liability, Penalties, Pipelines, Rights-of-way, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds, Treasury securities.
A. Hawkins, Government Securities Regulations Staff, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, (202) 504–3632 or email us at govsecreg@fiscal.treasury.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are making non-substantive technical corrections to §§ 356.2, 356.31, and appendix B to part 356. The amendments re-designate cross references to other parts of the rules, revise the introductory text of a paragraph, and restate a variable.

Procedural Requirements

Administrative Procedure Act. Because this final rule relates to public contracts and procedures for United States securities, the notice, public comment, and delayed effective date provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act are inapplicable, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2).

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 356

Banks, banking, Bonds, Federal Reserve System, Government securities, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities.

Text of Amendments

Accordingly, 31 CFR part 356 is amended by making the following technical amendments:


1. The authority citation for part 356 continues to read as follows:


§ 356.2 [Amended]

2. Section 356.2 is amended in the last sentence of the definition of “accrued interest” by removing the reference to “paragraph C” and adding in its place “paragraph D” and in the last sentence of paragraph (2) in the definition of “adjusted value” by removing the reference to “section IV” and adding in its place “section V.”

§ 356.31 [Amended]

3. Section 356.31 is amended in the last sentences of paragraphs (c)(3)(i) and (iii) by removing the reference to “section IV” and adding in its place “section V.”

4. Appendix B to part 356 is amended by removing two paragraphs of introductory text following the table of contents and adding one paragraph in its place, and revising Section IV, subsection D, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 356—Formulas and Tables

The examples in this appendix are given for illustrative purposes only and are in no way a prediction of interest rates on any bills, notes, or bonds issued under this part. In some of the following examples, we use intermediate rounding for ease in following the calculations.

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IV. * * *

D. * * *

ACTION: Interim final rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is issuing this interim final rule to amend its regulations for the relevant sanctions programs it administers to implement the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015. In particular, this rule adjusts for inflation the maximum amount of the civil monetary penalties that may be assessed under relevant OFAC regulations, including by making conforming changes to OFAC’s “Economic Sanctions Enforcement Guidelines.”

DATES: This rule is effective August 1, 2016. Comments must be received on or before August 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:


Fax: Attn: Request for Comments (Amendments to OFAC Regulations to Implement the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act) 202–622–1657.

Mail: Attn: Request for Comments (Amendments to OFAC Regulations to Implement the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act), Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Freedman’s Bank Building, Washington, DC 20220.

(a) If it is a new floating rate note, then $P_r = 100 \times \frac{1}{360} (T_t - T_{t-1}) \times \max (r + s, 0)$

(b) If it is a reopened floating rate note, and the interest payment is the first one after the reopening, then $P_r = 100 \times \frac{1}{360} \sum_{j=T_t}^{T_{t-1}} \max (r_j + s, 0) + 100 \times \frac{1}{360} (T_t - T_o) \times \max (r + s, 0)$

(c) If it is a reopened floating rate note, and the interest payment is not the first one after the reopening, then $P_r = 100 \times \frac{1}{360} (T_t - T_{t-1}) \times \max (r + s, 0)$

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David A. Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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