

Subpart D—Delegations of Authority to Other General Officers and Agency Heads

- 5. Amend § 2.32 by adding paragraph (a)(14) to read as follows:

§ 2.32 Chief Information Officer.

(a) * * *

(14) Administer the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Program for the Department pursuant to E.O. 13556, “Controlled Unclassified Information” (75 FR 68675, 3 CFR, 2011 Comp., p. 267) and 32 CFR part 2002.

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§ 2.38 [Amended]

- 6. Amend § 2.38 by removing and reserving paragraphs (a)(1)(xii) and (a)(4).

- 7. Amend § 2.39 by adding paragraph (a)(9) to read as follows:

§ 2.39 Director, Office of Tribal Relations.

(a) * * *

(9) Administer the USDA/1994 Land Grant Institutions (Tribal Colleges) Programs.

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Subpart J—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

- 8. Amend § 2.60 by adding paragraph (a)(45) to read as follows:

§ 2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

(a) * * *

(45) Enforce and conduct investigations of violations of the Lacey Act, which prohibits importing or exporting any plant or plant product in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of any federal, state, Tribal, or foreign law regulating plants or plant products (16 U.S.C. 3371–3378).

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Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

§ 2.95 [Amended]

- 9. Amend § 2.95 by removing and reserving paragraph (b)(11).

Subpart V—Delegations of Authority by the Director, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

§ 2.700 [Removed and Reserved]

- 10. Remove and reserve § 2.700. The Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas J. Vilsack, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Mary Beth Schultz, Acting

General Counsel, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Mary Beth Schultz,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Parts 429 and 431

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Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Dedicated Purpose Pool Pump Motors

Correction

In rule document 2023–20343, appearing on pages 66966 through 67041 in the issue of Thursday, September 28, 2023, make the following correction:

On page 66967, in Table I.1, in the fifth column, on the third line, “September 28, 2025” should read “September 28, 2027”.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 120

RIN 3245–AH78

Debt Refinancing in the 504 Loan Program

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: SBA is adopting with changes the interim final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2021. That interim final rule implemented section 328 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, which modified the requirements for refinancing debt in the 504 Loan Program, as set forth in section 521(a) of title V of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 and section 502(7) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. The modifications included: increasing the amount of existing indebtedness that may be refinanced for 504 debt refinancing involving expansions; and for 504 debt refinancing not involving expansions, removing two limitations on the program, reinstating an alternate job retention standard for the refinancing project, revising the definition of qualified debt, and

removing the prohibition against Certified Development Companies (CDCs) participating in the Premier Certified Lenders Program using their delegated authority to make these loans.

DATES: The effective date of this final rule is November 13, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The 504 Loan Program is an SBA financing program authorized under title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, 15 U.S.C. 695 *et seq.* The core mission of the 504 Loan Program is to provide long-term financing to small businesses for the purchase or improvement of land, buildings, and major equipment, in an effort to facilitate the creation or retention of jobs and local economic development. Under the 504 Loan Program, loans are made to small business applicants by Certified Development Companies (“CDCs”), which are certified and regulated by SBA to promote economic development within their community. In general, a project in the 504 Loan Program (a “504 Project”) includes: a loan obtained from a private sector lender with a senior lien covering at least 50 percent of the project cost; a loan obtained from a CDC (a “504 Loan”) with a junior lien covering up to 40 percent of the total cost (backed by a 100 percent SBA-guaranteed debenture); and a contribution from the Borrower of at least 10 percent equity.

In addition, the 504 Loan Program may be used to refinance debt under two options authorized under section 502(7)(B) and (C) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. First, if a 504 Project involves the expansion of the small business, any amount of existing indebtedness that does not exceed 50 percent of the project cost of the expansion may be refinanced and added to the project’s cost (Debt Refinancing with Expansion) under the conditions set forth in section 502(7)(B) and the implementing regulations. *See* 13 CFR 120.882(e) and (f). Second, debt refinancing is available for a 504 Project that does not involve the expansion of the small business under the requirements set forth in section 502(7)(C) and 13 CFR 120.882(g) (Debt Refinancing without Expansion).