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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary of the Treasury

31 CFR Parts 16, 27 and 50

Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties

AGENCY: Departmental Offices Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury (“Department” or “Treasury”) publishes this final rule to adjust its civil monetary penalties (“CMPs”) for inflation as mandated by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (collectively referred to herein as “the Act”).

DATES: Effective June 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program’s CMPs, contact Richard Ifft, Lead Management and Senior Insurance Policy Analyst, Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, Federal Insurance Office, Room 1410 MT, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622–2922 (not a toll-free number), or Sherry Rowlett, Program Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, at (202) 622–1890 (not a toll free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access these numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

For information regarding the Treasury-wide CMPs, contact Richard Dodson, Senior Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, 202–622–9949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In order to improve the effectiveness of CMPs and to maintain their deterrent effect, the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. 2461 note (“the Inflation Adjustment Act”), as amended by the

Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–74) (“the 2015 Act”), requires Federal agencies to adjust each CMP provided by law within the jurisdiction of the agency. The 2015 Act requires agencies to adjust the level of CMPs with an initial “catch-up” adjustment through an interim final rulemaking and to make subsequent annual adjustments for inflation, without needing to provide notice and the opportunity for public comment required by 5 U.S.C. 553. This rule constitutes the Department’s 2025 annual adjustment. The 2015 Act provides that any increase in a CMP shall apply to CMPs that are assessed after the date the increase takes effect, regardless of whether the underlying violation predated such increase.¹

II. Method of Calculation

The method of calculating CMP adjustments applied in this final rule is required by the 2015 Act. Under the 2015 Act and the Office of Management and Budget guidance required by the 2015 Act, annual inflation adjustments subsequent to the initial catch-up adjustment are 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M–25–02 of December 17, 2024, the adjustment multiplier for 2025 is 1.02598. Under the 2015 Act, any increase in CMP must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.

With regard to the CMPs assessed under 31 U.S.C. 3802(a), the penalty amount for 2024 (\$9,704) is multiplied by 1.02598, resulting in a maximum penalty amount of \$9,956 for 2025.

With regard to the CMPs assessed under 31 U.S.C. 333(c), the first penalty under this section was adjusted to \$9,704 in 2024. This amount is multiplied by 1.02598, resulting in a penalty of \$9,956 for 2025. The second penalty under this section was adjusted to \$48,512 in 2024. Multiplying this amount by 1.02598, results in a penalty of \$49,772 for 2025.

¹ However, the increased CMPs apply only with respect to underlying violations occurring after the date of enactment of the 2015 Act, i.e., after November 2, 2015.

Finally, with regard to the CMP assessed under Section 104 of Title I, Public Law 107–297, as amended, the penalty amount for 2024 (\$1,697,012) is multiplied by 1.02598 resulting in a penalty of \$1,741,100 for 2025.

Procedural Matters

1. Administrative Procedure Act

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Section 701(b)) requires agencies to make annual adjustments for inflation to CMPs, without needing to provide notice and the opportunity for public comment and a delayed effective date required by 5 U.S.C. 553. Additionally, the methodology used for adjusting CMPs for inflation is provided by statute, with no discretion provided to agencies regarding the substance of the adjustments for inflation to CMPs. The Department is charged only with performing ministerial computations to determine the dollar amount of adjustments for inflation to CMPs. Accordingly, prior public notice, an opportunity for public comment, and a delayed effective date are not required for this rule.

2. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply.

3. Executive Order 12866

This rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in section 3.f of Executive Order 12866, as amended.

4. Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this rule because there are no new or revised recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

List of Subjects

31 CFR Part 16

Administrative Practice and Procedure, Claims, Fraud, Penalties

31 CFR Part 27

Administrative Practice and Procedure, Penalties.

31 CFR Part 50
Insurance, Terrorism.

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, part 16, part 27 and part 50 of title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows:

PART 16—REGULATIONS
IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM
FRAUD CIVIL REMEDIES ACT OF 1986

■ 1. The authority citation for part 16 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 3801–3812

■ 2. Amend § 16.3 by revising paragraphs (a)(1)(iv) and (b)(1)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 16.3 Basis for civil penalties and assessments.

(a) * * *
(1) * * *

(iv) Is for payment for the provision of property or services which the person has not provided as claimed, shall be subject, in addition to any other remedy that may be prescribed by law, to a civil penalty of not more than \$9,956 (2025) for each such claim.

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(b) * * *
(1) * * *

(ii) Includes or is accompanied by an express certification or affirmation of the truthfulness and accuracy of the content of the statement, shall be subject, in addition to any other remedy that may be prescribed by law, to a civil penalty of not more than \$9,956 (2025) for each such statement.

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PART 27—CIVIL PENALTY
ASSESSMENT FOR MISUSE OF
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
NAMES, SYMBOLS, ETC.

■ 3. The authority citation for part 27 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 321, 333

■ 4. Amend § 27.3 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 27.3 Assessment of civil penalties.

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(c) *Civil penalty.* An assessing official may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section. The amount of a civil monetary penalty shall not exceed \$9,956 (2025) for each and every use of any material in violation of paragraph (a), except that such penalty shall not exceed \$49,772 for each and every use if such use is in a broadcast or telecast.

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PART 50—TERRORISM RISK
INSURANCE PROGRAM

■ 5. Amend the authority citation for part 50 to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321; Title I, Pub. L. 107–297, 116 Stat. 2322, as amended by Pub. L. 109–144, 119 Stat. 2660, Pub. L. 110–160, 121 Stat. 1839, Pub. L. 114–1, 129 Stat. 3, and Pub. L. 116–94, 133 Stat. 2534 (15 U.S.C. 6701 note); Pub. L. 114–74, 129 Stat. 601, Title VII (28 U.S.C. 2461 note).

■ 6. Amend § 50.83 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 50.83 Adjustment of civil monetary penalty amount.

(a) *Inflation adjustment.* Any penalty under the Act and these regulations may not exceed the greater of \$1,741,100 and, in the case of any failure to pay, charge, collect or remit amounts in accordance with the Act or these regulations such amount in dispute.

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Rachel Miller,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2025–0263]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; New Orleans
Offshore Grand Prix; Lake
Pontchartrain, New Orleans, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary special local regulation for certain navigable waters of Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, LA. This action is necessary to protect race participants, spectators, first responders, and the general public from the hazards created by the New Orleans Offshore Grand Prix on the navigable waters of the United States during the event. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone would be prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans (COTP) or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from June 24, 2025, through June 29, 2025, and will be enforced from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being

available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2025–0263 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, call or email Lieutenant Commander Xiaobin Tuo, Sector New Orleans, U.S. Coast Guard; 504–365–2246, email Xiaobin.Tuo@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

BNM Broadcast Notice to Mariners
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port New Orleans
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
LNM Local Notice to Mariners
MSIB Marine Safety Information Bulletin
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and
Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under the authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule. Prompt action is needed to make this temporary regulation effective prior to the start of the event on June 24, 2025, to provide for safety of persons and vessels during the event. It is impracticable to publish an NPRM because there is insufficient time to receive, consider, and respond to public comments before the start date.

Also, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule is impracticable and contrary to public interest because prompt action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with New Orleans Offshore Grand Prix boat race.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70041. The COTP Sector New Orleans has determined that potential hazards associated with the New Orleans Offshore Grand Prix boat race starting June 24, 2025, will be a safety concern