

**(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., Model BD-100-1A10 airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers 20003 through 20500 inclusive and 20501 through 20916 inclusive.

**(d) Subject**

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53, Fuselage.

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by reports of cracks found in the tailcone upper firewall where the auxiliary power unit (APU) muffler electrical bonding strap is attached. The FAA is issuing this AD to address cracking in the

tailcone upper firewall. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in a breach of the firewall, which could allow a fire to propagate; reduced lightning strike protection, which could affect the airplane's grounding and potentially cause a fire; and increased radio interference during flight, which could reduce the ability of the flightcrew to maintain the safe flight and landing of the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

**(g) Inspection, Replacement, and Corrective Actions**

Within 48 months after the effective date of this AD: Do a detailed visual inspection of the tailcone upper firewall for defects, including cracking, rework the APU electrical bonding strap by replacing with a new flexible APU muffler jumper cable assembly, and repair the tailcone upper firewall, as applicable, in accordance with paragraphs 2.B., 2.C., and 2.D., of the Accomplishment Instructions of the applicable service information specified in figure 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD. Do all applicable repairs before further flight.

**Figure 1 to paragraph (g)—Service Information**

Airplane Serial Number—	Bombardier Service Bulletin—
20003 through 20500 inclusive	100-53-35, dated December 6, 2021
20501 through 20916 inclusive	350-53-004, dated December 6, 2021

**(h) Additional AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the New York ACO Branch, mail it to ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, at the address identified in paragraph (i)(2) of this AD or email to: [9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov). If mailing information, also submit information by email. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Bombardier, Inc.'s Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

**(i) Additional Information**

(1) Refer to Transport Canada AD CF-2022-19, dated April 19, 2022, for related information. This Transport Canada AD may be found in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2022-1480.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Yaser Osman, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: (516) 228-7300; email: [9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov).

**(j) Material Incorporated by Reference**

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Bombardier Service Bulletin 100-53-35, dated December 6, 2021.

(ii) Bombardier Service Bulletin 350-53-004, dated December 6, 2021.

(3) For Bombardier service information identified in this AD, contact Bombardier Business Aircraft Customer Response Center, 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; phone: (514) 855-2999; email: [ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com](mailto:ac.yul@aero.bombardier.com); website: [bombardier.com](http://bombardier.com).

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (206) 231-3195.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT****24 CFR Parts 5 and 960**

[Docket No. FR-6057-C-04]

RIN 2577-AD03

**Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development is correcting a final rule entitled "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104" that published on February 14, 2023.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* The correction to § 5.603 is effective January 1, 2024, and the correction to § 960.509 is effective March 16, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this correction, contact Aaron Santa Anna, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10238, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-708-1793 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. To learn more about how to

make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 14, 2023 (88 FR 9600) (FR Doc. 2023-01617), HUD published a final rule implementing sections 102, 103, and 104 of the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) (Pub. L. 114-201, 130 Stat. 782). In addition to amending regulations for HUD's public housing, Section 8 programs, and multifamily HUD programs including Section 202 and Section 811, the rule also amends HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs to implement statutory changes made by HOTMA. Among other changes, HUD's February 14, 2023, final rule amended the definition of "dependent" at § 5.603. The final rule also added a new section, § 960.509, *Lease requirements for nonpublic housing over-income families*.

In reviewing the February 14, 2023, final rule, HUD identified two inadvertent errors, one in an amendatory instruction related to the revision of § 5.603, and the second in the regulatory text related to the addition of § 960.509. Initially, in amendatory instruction 10, HUD states that it is revising several definitions. The amendatory instruction, however, failed to include direction to revise the definition for "dependent". HUD's preamble text discusses this revised definition and the regulatory text for § 5.603 included the revised definition.

Second, § 960.509(b)(6) incorrectly contains two paragraphs designated "(b)(6)(xii)". The second paragraph designated "(b)(6)(xii)" is incorrectly designated and should be designated "(b)(6)(xiii)".

#### Correction

Accordingly, FR Doc. 2023-01617, "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102, 103, and 104," published on February 14, 2023 (88 FR 9600) is corrected as follows:

#### § 5.603 [Corrected]

- 1. Effective January 1, 2024, on page 9656, in the first column, amendatory instruction 10 for § 5.603 is corrected to read as follows:
- 10. Effective January 1, 2024, amend § 5.603(b) by:
- a. Adding in alphabetical order the definition for "Day laborer";

- b. Revising the definition of "Dependent";
- c. Adding in alphabetical order the definitions for "Foster adult", "Foster child", "Health and medical care expenses", "Independent contractor", and "Minor";
- d. Revising the definitions for "Net family assets" and "Responsible entity"; and
- e. Adding in alphabetical order the definition of "Seasonal worker".

The additions and revisions read as follows:

#### § 960.509 [Corrected]

- 2. Effective March 16, 2023, on page 9673, in the third column, in § 960.509, the second paragraph (b)(6)(xii) is redesignated as paragraph (b)(6)(xiii).

**Aaron Santa Anna,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. PTO-P-2021-0007]

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### USPTO Officially Transitions to Issuing Electronic Patent Grants in 2023

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is implementing electronic patent issuance to reduce pendency of patent applications, foster a green economy by reducing paper waste, and permit complete issued patents to be viewable and printable by both the applicants as well as the public immediately upon issuance in Patent Center, the USPTO's electronic patent application filing and management system. Patent grants will no longer be issued on paper, and as a result, they will no longer be mailed to the correspondence address of record as part of the patent issuance process. During a transition period, the USPTO will provide a paper copy of the electronic patent grant as a courtesy ceremonial copy, delivered to the patentee's correspondence address of record. After the transition period, a selection of patent grant copies, including the ceremonial copy, will be

available for purchase at a nominal charge. The electronic patent grant will be the official statutory patent grant.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on April 18, 2023.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Sked, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, at 571-272-7627. For technical questions, contact the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 1-866-217-9197 (toll-free), 571-272-4100 (local), or [ebc@uspto.gov](mailto:ebc@uspto.gov). The EBC is open from 6 a.m. to midnight ET, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The USPTO will begin issuing and publishing patent grants electronically via the USPTO's electronic patent application filing and management system, Patent Center.<sup>1</sup> By doing so, the USPTO is continuing with its efforts to move to fully electronic processing of patent applications.

One of the specific powers granted to the USPTO by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(1) is to "adopt and use a seal of the Office, which shall be judicially noticed and with which letters patent . . . issued by the Office shall be authenticated." Currently, the USPTO issues "letters patent" (hereafter, patents) as paper patents under the seal of the USPTO. These paper patents are bound with a cover sheet that has both an embossed seal and the signature of the USPTO Director. Beginning on the effective date of this final rule, the USPTO will issue patents electronically under a new digital USPTO seal and bearing the digital signature from the USPTO Director. The patents will be available to applicants and the public via Patent Center upon patent issuance. In Patent Center, a patentee and the public will be able to view and print the patent, including the cover sheet, front page, drawings, specification, and claims.

In order to implement electronic patent issuance, the USPTO is removing and reserving 37 CFR 1.315, which states that "[t]he patent will be delivered or mailed upon issuance to the correspondence address of record." Because patents will be issued electronically rather than on paper, the USPTO will no longer physically deliver the patent grant by mailing it to the correspondence address. Instead, the

<sup>1</sup> References to Patent Center herein refer to Patent Center and any updated document viewing systems that may replace Patent Center in the future.