

are applicable to penalties assessed on or after January 15, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2016, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act),¹ we published an interim final rule to adjust the level of civil monetary penalties (CMP) under sections 1129 and 1140 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320a-8 and 1320b-10, with an initial "catch-up" adjustment effective August 1, 2016.² We announced in the interim final rule that for any future adjustments, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce the new amounts. The annual inflation adjustment in subsequent years must be a cost-of-living adjustment based on any increases in the October Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (not seasonally adjusted) each year.³ Inflation adjustment increases must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.⁴ We last updated the maximum penalty amounts effective January 15, 2017.⁵ Based on Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance, the information below serves as public notice of the new maximum penalty amounts for 2018. The adjustment results in the following new maximum

penalties, which will be effective as of January 15, 2018.

Section 1129 CMPs (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8)

\$7,623.00 (current maximum per violation for fraud facilitators in a position of trust) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$7,778.59. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$7,779.00.

\$8,084.00 (current maximum per violation for all other violators) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$8,248.99. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$8,249.00.

Section 1140 CMPs (42 U.S.C. 1320b-10)

\$10,055.00 (current maximum per violation for all violations other than broadcasts or telecasts) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$10,260.22. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$10,260.00.

\$50,276.00 (current maximum per broadcast or telecast) \times 1.02041 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$51,302.13. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$51,302.00.

Dated: December 27, 2017.

Gale Stallworth Stone,

Acting Inspector General of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10264]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Romance and Reason: Islamic Transformations of the Classical Past" Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition "Romance and Reason: Islamic Transformations of the Classical Past," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York, New York, from on or about February 14, 2018, until on or about May 13, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliot Chiu in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257-1 of December 11, 2015). I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

Alyson Grunder,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10267]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Borrego Pipeline Presidential Permit Application, Webb County, Texas

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State (Department) is advising the public that on January 3, 2018, the Department approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) for the Borrego Pipeline Presidential Permit Application.

DATES: The FONSI and Final EA are available as of the publication date of this notice at <https://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/borregopipeline/c73505.htm>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FONSI and Final EA are available at the following:

- Main Laredo Public Library, 1120 E. Calton Road, Laredo, Texas 78041
- <https://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/borregopipeline/index.htm>

Copies of the FONSI and Final EA may also be requested by email at

¹ See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1314/text>. See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

² <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

³ See OMB Memorandum, Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, M-16-06, p. 1 (February 24, 2016), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf>. See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

⁴ OMB Memorandum, Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, M-16-06, p. 3 (February 24, 2016), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf>. See also <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

⁵ See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/29/2016-31423/notice-on-penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-monetary-penalties>.