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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

15 CFR Parts 734, 740, 744, 746 and 774

[Docket No. 240610–0156]

RIN 0694–AJ67

Implementation of Additional Sanctions Against Russia and Belarus Under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and Refinements to Existing Controls

Correction

In rule document 2024–13148 beginning on page 51644 in the issue of Tuesday, June 18, 2024, make the following correction:

Supplement No. 5 to Part 744 [Corrected]

■ On page 51662, in Supplement No. 5 to Part 744, in the first column, in the twentieth line, “€” should read “(e)”.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 30, 31, 37, 41, 43, 45, 46, 49, 140, 142, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 155, 160, 162, 165, 170, and 171

RIN 3038–AF09

Incorporation of Changes in the Commission’s Administrative Structure, Remove Superfluous Verbiage, and Correct Inaccurate Text

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The agency’s Divisions and Offices have been reorganized at the Chairman’s direction, and with prior

notification to relevant congressional committees. To ensure the CFR reflects these changes, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission or CFTC) is voting to make technical changes to various provisions within its regulations in order to align with its change in administrative structure, remove superfluous verbiage, and correct inaccurate text. In addition to the administrative changes required due to the realignment, the Commission is adopting technical changes to ensure consistency in reference to Commission addresses, deleting references to positions that have changed and updating the positions to align with the current Commission structure, correct typographical errors, and other technical changes.

DATES: These amendments are effective on September 4, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

An agency reorganization in November 2020 realigned key functions within the agency, including: (1) creating a new Division of Data (DOD); (2) reassigning the Executive Secretariat Branch from the Office of the Executive Director (OED) to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC); and (3) renaming and realigning the Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight (DSIO) to the Market Participants Division (MPD) and (4) moving the Office of Customer Education and Outreach (OCEO) to the Office of Public Affairs.

Technology has dramatically altered capital and commodity markets over the past few decades, and technologically induced innovations such as electronic exchanges, high-frequency trading, and exchange-traded funds have made trading faster, cheaper, more integrated, and increasingly complex. As a financial regulator in an ever-increasingly sophisticated market environment, it is becoming more and

more crucial that the CFTC continue to focus on data and data reporting and invest in technologies necessary to keep pace with market innovation. Our oversight responsibilities are becoming highly data acquisitive and rely on the effective use of information, including through the use of algorithms and analytics to more effectively manage data to meet our regulatory objectives. The DoD was created to address the Commission’s growing data needs and to position the agency to continue to achieve its mission in accord with new technologies.

There has been an unprecedented rise in retail futures, options and digital asset trading. As the agency evolves to address changing markets and market demographics, both the FinTech and customer protection efforts the Office of Customer Education and Outreach (OCEO) were realigned within the Office of Public Affairs.

DSIO is responsible primarily for overseeing derivatives market participants and market intermediaries, including commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors, futures commission merchants, introducing brokers, retail foreign exchange dealers, swap dealers, and major swap participants, as well as designated self-regulatory organizations. By restyling DSIO as MPD, the Division’s name will more succinctly reflect the scope of its responsibility regarding the Commission registrants enumerated above.

The Commission’s legal compliance groups that are responsible for records, Freedom of Information Act, Sunshine Act, privacy, and transparency were divided between the Office of the General Counsel and the Executive Secretariat Branch in the Office of the Executive Director. Moving the Executive Secretariat Branch into the Office of the General Counsel ensures consistency through streamlining all legal compliance programs into one division.

In addition to the changes required due to the realignment, the Commission proposes technical changes to ensure consistency in reference to addresses, deletes references to positions that have changed and updates the positions to align with the current Commission structure, correct typographical errors, and other technical changes.

Section 2(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act authorizes the