

*Incident:* Tropical Storm Helene.

**DATES:** Issued on December 18, 2024.

*Incident Period:* September 25, 2024 and continuing.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* January 20, 2025.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* July 2, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of North Carolina, dated October 2, 2024, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to January 20, 2025. This notice is further amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:*

Surry, Yadkin.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Alejandro Contreras,**

*Acting Deputy Associate Administrator,  
Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2024-0047]

### Notice on Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2025.

**SUMMARY:** The Social Security Administration is giving notice of its updated maximum civil monetary penalties. These amounts are effective from January 15, 2025, through January 14, 2026. These figures represent an annual adjustment for inflation. The updated figures and notification are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessica Stubbs Platt, Deputy Counsel to

the Inspector General, Room 3-ME-1, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 816-4054. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call the Social Security Administration's national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit the Social Security Administration's internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2016, pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act),<sup>1</sup> we published an interim final rule to adjust the level of civil monetary penalties (CMPs) under sections 1129 and 1140 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320a-8 and 1320b-10, respectively, with an initial "catch-up" adjustment effective August 1, 2016.<sup>2</sup> We announced in the interim final rule that for any future adjustments, we would 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.<sup>3</sup> Inflation adjustment increases must be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.<sup>4</sup> We last updated the maximum penalty amounts effective January 15, 2024.<sup>5</sup> Based on Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance,<sup>6</sup> the

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1314/text>. See also 81 FR 41438, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

<sup>2</sup> See 81 FR 41438, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

<sup>3</sup> 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/wp-content/uploads/legacy\\_drupal\\_files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/legacy_drupal_files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf). See also 81 FR 41438, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

<sup>4</sup> 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/wp-content/uploads/legacy\\_drupal\\_files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/legacy_drupal_files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf). See also 81 FR 41438, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/06/27/2016-13241/penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-money-penalties>.

<sup>5</sup> See 89 FR 1973, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/11/2024-00408/notice-on-penalty-inflation-adjustments-for-civil-monetary-penalties>.

<sup>6</sup> See OMB Memorandum, Implementation of Penalty Inflation Adjustments for 2025, Pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, M-25-02, p. 2

information below serves as public notice of the new maximum penalty amounts for 2025. The adjustment results in the following new maximum penalties, which will be effective as of January 15, 2025.

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

\$9,704.00 (current maximum per violation for fraud facilitators in a position of trust) × 1.02598 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$9,956.11. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$9,956.

\$10,289.00 (current maximum per violation for all other violators) × 1.02598 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$10,556.31. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$10,556.

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

\$12,799.00 (current maximum per violation for all violations other than broadcast or telecasts) × 1.02598 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$13,131.52. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$13,132.

\$63,991.00 (current maximum per violative broadcast or telecast) × 1.02598 (OMB-issued inflationary adjustment multiplier) = \$65,653.49. When rounded to the nearest dollar, the new maximum penalty is \$65,653.

**Michelle Murray,**

*Chief Counsel, Office of the Inspector General,  
Social Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12617]

### Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Being Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: "Edvard Munch: Technically Speaking" Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects being imported from abroad pursuant to an agreement with their foreign owner or custodian for temporary display in the exhibition "Edvard Munch: Technically Speaking" at the Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, are of cultural significance, and, further, that their temporary exhibition or display within the United States as aforementioned is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

(December 17, 2024), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/M-25-02.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Reed Liriano, Program Coordinator, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, 2200 C Street NW (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), Executive Order 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 Delegation of Authority No. 523 of December 22, 2021.

Nicole L. Elkon,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0071]

**Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Waymo LLC (USDOT #3000336) and Aurora Operations, Inc. (USDOT #3441156)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition; denial of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA or the Agency) publishes its decision to deny an application from Waymo LLC (Waymo, USDOT #3000336) and Aurora Operations, Inc. (Aurora, USDOT #3441156) (together, Applicants), requesting an exemption from certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) related to requirements to place specific types of warning devices at prescribed locations around commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) stopped on the traveled portion or shoulder of a highway for any cause other than necessary traffic stops and requirements that lamps on CMVs be steady burning. Applicants requested

that they and “other similarly situated companies” be permitted to instead use “Cab-Mounted Warning Beacons” (including “variants” and “any configuration of similar effectiveness”) when the CMV is operated by a Level 4 Automated Driving System (ADS) either without a human on board or with a human on board when testing the warning beacons. Safety is FMCSA’s highest priority. The Agency embraces USDOT’s Innovation Principles, including adapting as technology changes and supporting technologies that further our policy goals. While the application and the public comments show promise for alternative warning devices to provide safety benefits for warning motorists of a stopped CMV under certain conditions, the present application does not demonstrate how Applicants or other proposed exempted parties would ensure an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved absent the exemption. The application does not provide sufficient details about proposed alternative devices, and the limited data presented does not support a likely equivalent level of safety for a national, industry-wide exemption for all companies operating autonomous CMVs. If Applicants can reasonably address the reasons for the denial, Applicants may resubmit an exemption application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Sutula, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, FMCSA; 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 366–9209; [MCPSV@dot.gov](mailto:MCPSV@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Viewing Comments and Documents**

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number “FMCSA–2023–0071” in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, click “Browse Comments.”

To view documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number “FMCSA–2023–0071” in the keyword box, click “Search,” and choose the document to review.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call

(202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**II. Legal Basis**

FMCSA has authority to grant exemptions from FMCSRs where the Agency finds that “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” 49 U.S.C. 31136(e); 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1).

An exemption application must provide specific information relevant to the scope of the exemption sought including, but not limited to, the provisions from which the person requests exemption, the reason the exemption is needed, the time period during which the requested exemption would apply, an analysis of the safety impacts the requested exemption may cause, and the specific countermeasures the person would undertake to ensure an equivalent or greater measure of safety than would be achieved absent the requested exemption. 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(5); 49 CFR 381.310.

Upon receipt of an exemption request, FMCSA must publish a notice of the request in the **Federal Register** and provide the public an opportunity to inspect the applicant’s safety analysis and any other relevant information known to the Agency, and to comment on the request. See 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6)(A); 49 CFR 381.315(a). The Agency reviews the application and any public comments submitted and determines whether to grant or deny the request. 49 CFR 381.315(b). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register**. Id. If the request is granted, the decision will identify the name of the person or class of persons granted the exemption, the provisions from which the person is exempt, the effective period, and the terms and conditions of the exemption. 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6)(B); 49 CFR 381.315(c)(1). If the request is denied, the Agency will publish the name of the person denied the exemption and the reasons for such denial. 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6)(C); 49 CFR 381.315(c)(2). A granted exemption may be renewed, upon request, for subsequent 5-year periods. 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(2); 49 CFR 381.300(b). If an exemption request is denied, and the applicant can reasonably address the reason for the denial, the Agency may allow the applicant to resubmit the application. 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(3); 49 CFR 381.317.