

filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, and pay the associated fee (or request a fee waiver). Although not required to do so, if an F-1 nonimmigrant student wants to obtain a new EAD that is valid through February 5, 2023, based on DED, the student must file Form I-765 and pay the Form I-765 fee (or request a fee waiver). After receiving the DED-related EAD, an F-1 nonimmigrant student may request that the DSO make the required entry in SEVIS, issue an updated Form I-20, as described in this notice, and notate that the F-1 nonimmigrant student has been authorized to carry a reduced course load and is working pursuant to a DED-related EAD. So long as the F-1 nonimmigrant student maintains the minimum course load described in this notice, does not otherwise violate the student's nonimmigrant status, including as provided under 8 CFR 214.1(g), and remains covered under DED, then the student maintains F-1 nonimmigrant status and DED concurrently.<sup>14</sup>

When a student applies simultaneously for a DED-related EAD and benefits under this notice, what is the minimum course load requirement while an application for employment authorization is pending?

The F-1 nonimmigrant student must maintain normal course load requirements for a "full course of study"<sup>15</sup> unless or until the F-1 nonimmigrant student is granted employment authorization under this notice. DED-related employment authorization, by itself, does not authorize a nonimmigrant student to drop below twelve credit hours, or otherwise applicable minimum requirements (e.g., clock hours for language students). Once approved for Special Student Relief employment authorization, the F-1 nonimmigrant student may drop below twelve credit hours, or otherwise applicable minimum requirements (with a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of instruction per academic term if the student is at the undergraduate level, or a minimum of three semester or quarter hours of instruction per academic term if the student is at the graduate level). See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(v), 214.2(f)(6), 214.2(f)(9)(i) and (ii).

<sup>14</sup> "Implementation of Employment Authorization for Individuals Covered by Deferred Enforced Departure for Hong Kong (Notice)." **Federal Register** Vol. 86, No. 201 (October 21, 2021), p. 58296.

<sup>15</sup> See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6).

*How does an F-1 student who has received a DED-related EAD then apply for authorization to take a reduced course load under this notice?*

There is no further application process with USCIS if a student has been approved for a DED-related EAD. However, the F-1 nonimmigrant student must demonstrate and provide documentation to the DSO of severe economic hardship as a direct result of the emergent circumstances in Hong Kong. The DSO will then verify and update the student's SEVIS record to enable the F-1 nonimmigrant student with DED to reduce their course load without any further action or application. No other EAD needs to be issued for the F-1 nonimmigrant student to have employment authorization.

*Can a noncitizen who has been granted a DED-related EAD apply for reinstatement to F-1 nonimmigrant student status after the noncitizen's F-1 nonimmigrant student status has lapsed?*

Yes. Current regulations permit certain noncitizens who fall out of F-1 nonimmigrant student status to apply for reinstatement. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(16). This provision might apply to a noncitizen who worked on a DED-related EAD or dropped their course load before publication of this notice, and therefore fell out of F-1 nonimmigrant status. The noncitizen must satisfy the criteria set forth in the F-1 nonimmigrant student status reinstatement regulations. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(16)

*How long will this notice remain in effect?*

This notice grants temporary relief until February 5, 2023<sup>16</sup> to eligible F-1 nonimmigrant students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Hong Kong. Should the special provisions authorized by this notice

<sup>16</sup> Because the suspension of requirements under this notice applies throughout an academic term during which the suspension is in effect, DHS considers an F-1 nonimmigrant student who engages in a reduced course load or employment (or both) after this notice is effective to be engaging in a "full course of study," see 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6), and eligible for employment authorization, through the end of any academic term for which such student is matriculated as of February 5, 2023, provided the student satisfies the minimum course load requirement in this notice. DHS also considers students who engage in online coursework pursuant to ICE coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) guidance for nonimmigrant students to be in compliance with regulations while such guidance remains in effect. See ICE Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19, Nonimmigrant Students & SEVP-Certified Schools: Frequently Asked Questions, available at <https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus> [last visited September 2021].

need modification or extension, DHS will announce such changes in the **Federal Register**.

*Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)*

An F-1 nonimmigrant student seeking off-campus employment authorization due to severe economic hardship resulting from the emergent circumstances in Hong Kong must demonstrate to the DSO that this employment is necessary to avoid severe economic hardship. A DSO who agrees that a nonimmigrant student should receive such employment authorization must recommend an application approval to USCIS by entering information in the remarks field of the student's SEVIS record. The authority to collect this information is in the SEVIS collection of information currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 1653-0038.

This notice also allows an eligible F-1 nonimmigrant student to request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while the academic institution is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain F-1 nonimmigrant student status.

To apply for employment authorization, certain F-1 nonimmigrant students must complete and submit a currently approved Form I-765 according to the instructions on the form. OMB has previously approved the collection of information contained on the current Form I-765, consistent with the PRA (OMB Control No. 1615-0040). Although there will be a slight increase in the number of Form I-765 filings because of this notice, the number of filings currently contained in the OMB annual inventory for Form I-765 is sufficient to cover the additional filings. Accordingly, there is no further action required under the PRA.

**Alejandro N. Mayorkas,**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R6-ES-2021-N203;  
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### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments by December 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES: Document availability and comment submission:** Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., Smith, PER0123456 or ES056001):

- Email: [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov).
- U.S. Mail: Marjorie Nelson, Chief, Division of Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Blvd., Suite 670, Lakewood, CO 80228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Krijgsman, Recovery Permits

Coordinator, Ecological Services, 303–236–4347 (phone), or [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

**Background**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA

authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
ES056001 .....	East Dakota Water Development District, Brookings, SD.	• Topeka shiner ( <i>Notropis topeka</i> ) .....	SD .....	• Capture, electrofish, handle, and release.	Renew.
ES13024B .....	Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, CO.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	CO .....	• Play taped vocalizations.	Renew.
ES85057B .....	George Cunningham, Omaha, NE.	• Topeka shiner ( <i>Notropis topeka</i> ) .....	MO, NE, KS, MN, IA, SD	• Capture, electrofish, handle, and release.	Renew.
PER0012679 ...	University of Northern Colorado, Greeley CO.	• Penland beardtongue ( <i>Penstemon penlandii</i> ) • Osterhout milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus osterhoutii</i> ) • North Park phacelia ( <i>Phacelia formosula</i> ) ... • Clay-loving wild buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum pelinophilum</i> ).	CO, NM ....	• Remove and reduce to possession from lands under Federal jurisdiction, collect tissue.	New.
ES047808 .....	National Park Service, Moab, UT.	• Southwestern willow flycatcher ( <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> ).	UT .....	• Play taped vocalizations.	Renew.
ES047288 .....	National Park Service, Heartland Network, Republic, MO.	• Topeka shiner ( <i>Notropis topeka</i> ) .....	KS, MN ....	• Capture, electrofish, handle, and release.	Renew.
ES051828 .....	Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Washington, DC.	• Black-footed ferret ( <i>Mustela nigripes</i> ) .....	DC .....	• Captively propagate, general husbandry, transport, and transfer.	Renew.
ES06447C .....	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.	• Pallid sturgeon ( <i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> ) .....	MT .....	• Capture, handle, propagate, display for educational purposes, and release.	Renew.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions

from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

#### Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Stephen Small,

*Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-671-672 and 731-TA-1571-1573 (Preliminary)]

### Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina, Mexico, Russia, and South Korea

#### Determinations

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of oil country tubular goods from Argentina, Mexico, Russia, and South Korea, provided for in subheadings 7304.29, 7305.20, and 7306.29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”) and to be subsidized by the governments of Russia and South Korea.<sup>2</sup>

#### Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the **Federal Register** as

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

<sup>2</sup> 86 FR 60205 and 86 FR 60210 (November 1, 2021).

provided in § 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under §§ 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under §§ 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

#### Background

On October 6, 2021, Borusan Mannesmann Pipe U.S., Inc., Baytown, Texas; PTC Liberty Tubulars LLC, Liberty, Texas; U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Welded Tube USA, Inc., Lackawanna, New York; and the United States Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, filed petitions with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized imports of oil country tubular goods from Russia and South Korea and LTFV imports of oil country tubular goods from Argentina, Mexico, and Russia. Accordingly, effective October 6, 2021, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-671-672 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1571-1573 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission’s investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of October 13, 2021 (86 FR 56983). In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission conducted its conference through written testimony and video conference on October 27, 2021. All

persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on November 22, 2021. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5248 (November 2021), entitled *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina, Mexico, Russia, and South Korea: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-671-672 and 731-TA-1571-1573 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 22, 2021.

#### Lisa Barton,

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1191]

### Certain Audio Players and Controllers, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same; Commission Determination To Review In Part a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding; Extension of the Target Date

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, on August 13, 2021, the presiding chief administrative law judge (“CALJ”) issued a combined final initial determination (“ID”) finding a violation of section 337 and a recommended determination (“RD”) on remedy and bonding in the above-captioned investigation. The Commission has determined to review the final ID in part. The Commission requests briefing from the parties, interested government agencies, and interested persons on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. The Commission has also determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation to January 6, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard P. Hadorn, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3179. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS)