

lamps from a low-level lighting intensity to a high-level lighting intensity 4 times in 2 seconds when the brakes are applied rather than providing steady burning lamps during the first 2 seconds, would enhance rear signal systems. Higgins submits that pulsing the rear brake lamps of a CMV may significantly increase visibility and reduce the frequency of rear-end crashes, and thus would maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that the CMV would achieve without the requested exemption.

On October 7, 2022 (87 FR 61133), FMCSA denied Intellistop's application for an industry-wide exemption to allow all motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) equipped with Intellistop's module. FMCSA noted that the decision did not preclude individual motor carriers from seeking an exemption from 49 CFR 393.25(e) to purchase, install, and use Intellistop's device subject to terms and conditions to allow sufficient monitoring of the use of the device. Therefore, consistent with the October 7, 2022, decision, the Agency seeks public comment on Higgins' carrier-specific exemption application.

A copy of Higgins' application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

#### IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Higgins' application for a five-year exemption from 49 CFR 393.25(e) to allow it to operate CMVs equipped with Intellistop's module which pulses the rear clearance, identification and brake lamps from low-level lighting intensity to high-level lighting intensity 4 times in 2 seconds when the brakes are applied.

All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and may be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested

persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of prompt payment interest rate; Contract Disputes Act.

**SUMMARY:** For the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2023, the prompt payment interest rate is 4<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> per centum per annum.

**DATES:** Applicable January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or inquiries may be mailed to: E-Commerce Division, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, 401 14th Street SW, Room 306F, Washington, DC 20227. Comments or inquiries may also be emailed to [PromptPayment@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:PromptPayment@fiscal.treasury.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas M. Burnum, E-Commerce Division, (202) 874-6430; or Thomas Kearns, Senior Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 874-7036.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty.

31 U.S.C. 3902(a). "The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made." 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2023, is 4<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> per centum per annum.

**Timothy E. Gribben,**

*Commissioner, Bureau of the Fiscal Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for applicable date(s).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Andrea Gacki, Director, tel.: 202-622-2490; Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or the Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

##### Notice of OFAC Action(s)

On January 26, 2023, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

## Individuals

1. CARTES JARA, Horacio Manuel (a.k.a. CARTES, Horacio; a.k.a. VIVEROS CARTES, Horacio), Paraguay; DOB 05 Jul 1956; POB Asuncion, Paraguay; nationality Paraguay; Gender Male; Passport P486167 (Paraguay) issued 09 Nov 2018 expires 09 Nov 2023; National ID No. 492599 (Paraguay) (individual) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(B)(1) of Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, "Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption," 82 FR 60839 (Dec. 26, 2017) (E.O. 13818) for being a foreign person who is a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery.

2. VELAZQUEZ MORENO, Hugo Adalberto, Asuncion, Paraguay; DOB 03 Sep 1967; POB Itacurubi del Rosario, Paraguay; nationality Paraguay; Gender Male; Passport D15449 (Paraguay) issued 20 Nov 2018 expires 20 Nov 2023 (individual) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(B)(1) of E.O. 13818 for being a foreign person who is a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in, corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery.

## Entities

1. BEBIDAS USA INC., 4500 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045, United States; Organization Established Date 13 Jan 2011; Business Registration Number 4927052 (Delaware) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 4065904 (Pennsylvania) (United States) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(B) of E.O. 13818 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTES JARA, Horacio Manuel, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

2. DOMINICANA ACQUISITION S.A., Calle 29 de Setiembre entre Nicolas Arguello y Rudy Torga Numero 1624, Lambare, Central, Paraguay; Organization Established Date 12 Nov 2018; Paraguayan tax identification number 80105176-2 (Paraguay) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(B) of E.O. 13818 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTES JARA, Horacio Manuel, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

3. FRIGORIFICO CHAJHA S.A.E. (Latin: FRIGORIFICO CHAJHA S.A.E.), Carretera

Ruta 9 Dr. Carlos Antonio Lopez, Km 26.5, Villa Hayes, Presidente Hayes, Paraguay; Organization Established Date 10 Jun 2020; Paraguayan tax identification number 80112472-7 (Paraguay) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(B) of E.O. 13818 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTES JARA, Horacio Manuel, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

4. TABACOS USA INC., 4500 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045, United States; 3815 Bethman Road, Easton, PA 18045, United States; Organization Established Date 08 Jun 2004; Business Registration Number 3811964 (Delaware) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 0101044929 (New Jersey) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 0005657373 (North Dakota) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 3331739 (Pennsylvania) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 7686966-0143 (Utah) (United States); alt. Business Registration Number 270084 (West Virginia) (United States) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(B) of E.O. 13818 for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTES JARA, Horacio Manuel, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

Dated: January 26, 2023.

**Andrea Gacki,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control,  
U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Gasohol; Compressed Natural Gas and Gasoline Excise Tax

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning gasohol; compressed natural gas and gasoline excise tax.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 3, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to [pra.comments@irs.gov](mailto:pra.comments@irs.gov). Include 1545-1270 or TD 8609, Gasohol; Compressed Natural Gas; and Gasoline Excise Tax.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at (202) 317-6009, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Gasohol; Compressed Natural Gas; and Gasoline Excise Tax.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1270.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-66-93 (TD 8609) and PS-120-90 (TD 8241).

*Abstract:* TD 8609: This regulation relates to gasohol blending and the tax on compressed natural gas (CNG). The sections relating to gasohol blending affect certain blenders, enterers, refiners, and through putters. The sections relating to CMG affect persons that sell or buy CNG for use as a fuel in a motor vehicle or motorboat. TD 8421: This regulation relates to the federal excise tax on gasoline. It affects refiners, importers, and distributors of gasoline and provides guidance relating to taxable transactions, persons liable for tax, gasoline blendstocks, and gasohol.

*Current Actions:* The IRS is removing the burden associated with section 48.4081-6(c)(1)(ii). See Public Law 108-357, Title III, § 301(c)(7), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1461. There are no other changes in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB; IRS is making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,210.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 9 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 246.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection