

allegations to be generally applicable (rather than company-specific), and also alleged that there was the potential for unaddressed evasion absent country-wide inquiries.¹² Based on these considerations, Commerce is initiating these circumvention inquiries on a country-wide basis.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce will notify U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the initiation of circumvention inquiries and will direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to these circumvention inquiries that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the orders and to apply the cash deposit rate that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the applicable scope. Should Commerce issue affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determinations, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)–(4).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(a) of the Act, Commerce determines that Vulcan’s request for circumvention inquiries relating to the *2020 AD Order* and the *2020 CVD Order* satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of these circumvention inquiries to determine whether alloy steel threaded rod produced in the United States from unthreaded pins imported from China is circumventing these orders.

Additionally, we are hereby providing interested parties with an opportunity to

comment on any additional entities— *i.e.*, importers, exporters, producers—that are involved in the supply, sale, or production related to alloy steel threaded rod completed in the United States using unthreaded pins imported from China. Comments on the identity of such entities are due within seven days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

We have included a description of the products that are subject to these inquiries and an explanation of Commerce’s decision to initiate in the accompanying Initiation Checklists.¹³ In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determinations no later than 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of these circumvention inquiries in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(ii).

Dated: July 6, 2023,
Lisa W. Wang,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD145]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Abalone

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of a scientific research and enhancement permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has renewed a scientific research and enhancement permit (Permit 14344–3R) issued to the University of California, Davis, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The research and enhancement activities are intended to support the recovery of white abalone listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and inform management, conservation, and recovery efforts.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to *nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov*. Please include the permit number (14344–3R) in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wang, Long Beach, California, Phone: 562–980–4199, email: *Susan.Wang@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2023, that a permit renewal request had been submitted by the University of California, Davis. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to *www.federalregister.gov* and search for the permit number and **Federal Register** notice information provided in the table below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
14344–3R	0648–XC679	University of California, Davis—1850 Research Park Drive, Suite 300, Davis, CA 95618 (Responsible Party: Alyssa Frederick).	88 FR 2889, January 18, 2023.	June 27, 2023.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS determined that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on finding that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised,

would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

¹² See Circumvention Request at 27.

¹³ See generally AD Checklist—2020 Order; and CVD Checklist—2020 Order.

Dated: July 7, 2023.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0005: Rules Relating to the Operations and Activities of Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors and to Monthly Reporting by Futures Commission Merchants

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the collection of certain information by the Commission. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This **Federal Register** notice solicits comments on the PRA implications of renewing the collection of data by the Commission, including comments addressing the burden to the entities in collecting the relevant information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “OMB Control No. 3038-0005” by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s website, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Olear, Director, (202) 418-

5283, aolear@cftc.gov; Pamela Geraghty, Deputy Director, (202) 418-5634, pgeraghty@cftc.gov; Peter Sanchez, Acting Associate Director, (202) 418-5237, psanchez@cftc.gov; or Elizabeth Groover, Special Counsel, (202) 418-5985, egroover@cftc.gov, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the collection of information listed below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB number.

Title: Rules Relating to the Operations and Activities of Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors and to Monthly Reporting by Futures Commission Merchants (OMB control number 3038-0005). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The various collections of information required by part 4¹ of the Commission’s regulations were previously approved by OMB in accordance with the PRA and assigned OMB control number 3038-0005. The Commission offers the following summary of the renewal to the notice and the resulting estimated impact on existing burden hour estimates associated with this information collection.

The Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) empowers the Commission with the authority to require commodity pool operators (CPOs) and commodity trading advisors (CTAs) to maintain books and records and to file reports as required by the Commission.² The Commission also has the power to promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary to implement the purposes of

the CEA.³ It is pursuant to this authority that the Commission has promulgated the various compliance requirements for CPOs and CTAs in 17 CFR part 4. The reporting, filing, and recordkeeping requirements within part 4 of the Commission’s regulations were adopted to assist and inform customers, to establish customer protection initiatives for investors, to facilitate monitoring intermediary compliance with part 4 regulations by the Commission and its delegatee, the National Futures Association (NFA), and to enable the Commission to better monitor the market risks posed by its registrants. The information collections are necessary to enable the Commission and NFA to accomplish the purposes of both the CEA and the compliance regime set forth in part 4 of the Commission’s regulations.

With regard to the information collection discussed above, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed revision to the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the further use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.⁴

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on

¹ 17 CFR 4.1-4.41.

² 7 U.S.C. 6n(3).

³ 7 U.S.C. 8a(5).

⁴ 17 CFR 145.9.