

schedule, replacing the previous annual requirement, such that all carriers receiving high-cost support are required to report and certify their quarterly performance testing results within two weeks, rather than within one week, after the end of the quarter in which the tests are conducted. *See High Cost Administrative Order*, FCC 25–87, para. 138. Accordingly, this collection includes the requirements for testing speed and latency, and reporting and certifying such performance measures within two weeks after the end of each quarter to ensure that carriers are meeting the public interest obligations associated with their receipt of high-cost universal service support.

Carriers will identify, from among the locations they have already submitted and certified in USAC's High Cost Universal Broadband (HUBB) portal, the locations where they have an active subscriber (deployment locations are reported under OMB Control Number 3060–1228, and active locations will be reported under this control number). From those subscriber locations, USAC will then select a random sample from which the carrier will be required to perform testing for speed and latency. Carriers that do not provide location information in the HUBB will use a randomization tool provided by USAC to select a random sample of locations for testing. Due to the rule changes that the Commission adopted on the *High Cost Administrative Order*, the carrier will then be required to submit to USAC the results of the testing on a quarterly basis. The quarterly filing will include the testing results from the prior quarter. The carrier's sample for each service tier (e.g. 10 Mbps/1 Mbps, 25 Mbps/3 Mbps) shall be regenerated every two years. During the two-year cycle, carriers will have the ability to add and remove subscriber locations if necessary, e.g., as subscribership changes. Also, in July 2023, the Commission adopted the Enhanced Alternative-Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) support mechanism, a new model-based offer to existing Alternative-Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) I, A-CAM II, and Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF BLS) carriers. *See Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support et al.*, WC Docket No. 10–90 et al., Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23–60, at 23–24, para. 49 (July 24, 2023) (*Enhanced A-CAM Order*). Revisions proposed include (1) a process for E-

ACAM carriers to get a performance measures testing sample from non-HUBB reported locations, and (2) and reporting and certifying such performance measures within two weeks after the end of each quarter. The proposed revisions also include the retitling of this collection from “Connect America Fund—Performance Testing Measures” to “Administrative Order—Performance Testing Measures.” The Commission therefore proposes to revise this information collection to reflect these modified requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION NOTICE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:

89 FR 75540.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC (12th Floor) and Virtual.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING:

The following item was also discussed:

Proposed Referral of Questions on Dependent Care to Regulations Committee

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

(Authority: Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b)

Laura E. Sinram,

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the

assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board's Freedom of Information Office at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm>. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Comments received are subject to public disclosure. In general, comments received will be made available without change and will not be modified to remove personal or business information including confidential, contact, or other identifying information. Comments should not include any information such as confidential information that would not be appropriate for public disclosure.

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551–0001, not later than October 23, 2024.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Brent B. Hassell, Assistant Vice President) P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, Virginia 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@rich.frb.org:

1. *Varn Financial Corporation, Ehrhardt, South Carolina;* to become a bank holding company by acquiring Enterprise Bank of South Carolina, also of Ehrhardt, South Carolina.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414.

Comments can also be sent electronically to

Comments.applications@chi.frb.org:

1. *Security Midwest Bancorp, Inc., Springfield, Illinois;* to become a bank holding company by acquiring Security Bank, S.B. (Bank), Springfield, Illinois, upon the conversion of Bank from mutual to stock form.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Michele Taylor Fennell,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fees for Cruise Ship Operational Sanitation, Construction, and Renovation Inspections

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces fees for vessel sanitation inspections for fiscal year (FY) 2025. These inspections are conducted by HHS/CDC’s Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP). VSP helps the cruise line industry fulfill its responsibility for developing and implementing comprehensive sanitation programs to minimize the risk for environmentally associated illnesses and hazards. Every vessel that has a foreign itinerary and carries 13 or more passengers is subject to twice-yearly unannounced operations inspections and, when necessary, reinspection.

DATES: These fees apply to inspections conducted from October 13, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS 106-6, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3717; phone: 800-323-2132; email: vsp@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Background

HHS/CDC established the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) in the 1970s as a cooperative activity with the cruise ship industry. VSP helps the cruise ship industry prevent and control the introduction and spread of environmentally associated illnesses and hazards on cruise ships. VSP operates under the authority of the Public Health Service Act (Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act; 42 U.S.C. 264, “Control of Communicable Diseases”). Regulations found at 42 CFR 71.41 (Foreign Quarantine—Requirements Upon Arrival at U.S. Ports: Sanitary Inspection; General Provisions) state that carriers arriving at U.S. ports from foreign areas are subject to sanitary inspections to determine potential rodent, insect, or other vermin infestations; contaminated food or water; or other sanitary conditions requiring measures to prevent introduction or spread of communicable diseases.

The FY 2025 fee schedule reflects increases to cover costs to operate and

improve the program. Travel expenses and other costs have increased, and larger ships and more complex features mean more inspectors are needed for each inspection. Fees charged for inspections also support many additional VSP services beyond inspections (plan reviews, equipment reviews, technical assistance, epidemiological investigations, and outbreak response activities). VSP will continue to enhance customer service to cruise lines and shipyards as well as public health efforts onboard by offering additional value-added services requested by industry partners such as modernization of VSP’s data systems to increase functionality and efficiency and updates to VSP training platforms.

Additionally, the fee schedule will be restructured from seven categories to four categories. This new structure addresses comments from industry in July 2019 and more accurately reflects the number of inspectors and inspector-hours needed to perform an inspection.

The fee schedule for sanitation inspections of passenger cruise ships by VSP was first published in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 1987 (52 FR 45019). HHS/CDC began collecting fees on March 1, 1988. The fee schedule was most recently published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2023 (88 FR 55048). This notice announces fees for inspections conducted during FY 2025 (beginning on October 13, 2024, through September 30, 2025). The fee schedule for FY 2025 is presented in Appendix A.

The following formula will be used to determine the fees:

$$\text{Average cost per inspection} = \frac{\text{Total cost of VSP}}{\text{Weighted number of annual inspections}}$$

Total cost of VSP = Total cost of operating the program, such as administration, travel, staffing, sanitation inspections, and outbreak response.

Weighted number of annual inspections = Total number of ships and inspections per year accounting for vessel size, number of inspectors

needed for vessel size, travel logistics to conduct inspections, and vessel location and arrivals in U.S. jurisdiction per year.

Fee

The fee schedule (Appendix A) applies to inspections conducted from October 13, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Applicability

The fees will apply to all passenger cruise vessels for which inspections are conducted as part of HHS/CDC’s VSP.

Noah Aleshire,

Chief Regulatory Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Appendix A

FEE SCHEDULE FOR EACH VESSEL SIZE

| Vessel size (GT ¹) | Operational inspection ² fee (US\$) | Construction and renovation inspection ³ fee (US\$) |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Tier 1 (<30,000 GT) | 8,073 | 16,146 |
| Tier 2 (30,001–110,000 GT) | 16,146 | 32,292 |
| Tier 3 (110,001–180,000 GT) | 32,292 | 64,584 |