DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Parts 501, 510, 535, 536, 539, 541, 542, 544, 546, 547, 548, 549, 560, 561, 566, 576, 583, 584, 588, 592, 594, 595, 597, and 598

Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is issuing this final rule to adjust certain civil monetary penalties (CMPs) for inflation pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

DATES: Effective: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability
This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s website (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

**Background**


OFAC has adjusted its CMPs three times since the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act went into effect on November 2, 2015: an initial catch-up adjustment on August 1, 2016 (81 FR 43070, July 1, 2016), and annual adjustments on February 10, 2017 (82 FR 10434, February 10, 2017), and March 19, 2018 (83 FR 11876, March 19, 2018).

**Method of Calculation**

The method of calculating CMP adjustments applied in this final rule is required by the FCPIA Act. Under the FCPIA Act and the Office of Management and Budget guidance required by the FCPIA Act, annual inflation adjustments subsequent to the initial catch-up adjustment are to be based on the percent change between the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers ("CPI-U") for the October preceding the date of the
adjustment and the prior year’s October CPI-U. As set forth in Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-19-04 of December 14, 2018, the adjustment multiplier for 2019 is 1.02522. In order to complete the 2019 annual adjustment, each current CMP is multiplied by the 2019 adjustment multiplier. Under the FCPIA Act, any increase in CMP must be rounded to the nearest multiple of $1.

New Penalty Amounts


The table below summarizes the existing and new maximum CMP amounts.

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<tr>
<th>Statute</th>
<th>Existing maximum CMP amount</th>
<th>Maximum CMP amount effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]</th>
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<tr>
<td>TWEA</td>
<td>$86,976</td>
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<td>IEEPA</td>
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<td>CDTA</td>
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In addition to updating these maximum CMP amounts, OFAC is also updating a reference to one-half the IEEPA maximum CMP from $147,571 to $151,292.

**Public Participation**

Because the amended regulations involve a foreign affairs function, the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, as well as the provisions of Executive Order 13771, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) does not apply.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this rule does not impose information collection requirements that would require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

**List of Subjects in 31 CFR Parts 501, 510, 535, 536, 539, 541, 542, 544, 546, 547, 548, 549, 560, 561, 566, 576, 583, 584, 588, 592, 594, 595, 597, and 598**

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, Banking, Blocking of assets, Exports, Foreign trade, Licensing, Penalties, Sanctions.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control amends 31 CFR chapter V as follows:

**PART 501—REPORTING, PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES REGULATIONS**

1. The authority citation for part 501 continues to read as follows:

Subpart D—Trading With the Enemy Act (TWEA) Penalties

§ 501.701 [Amended]

2. Amend § 501.701 as follows:

a. Remove the note to paragraph (a)(1).

b. In paragraph (a)(3), remove “$86,976” and add in its place “$89,170”.

3. Amend appendix A to part 501 as follows:

a. In paragraph V.B.2.a.i., remove “$147,571” and add in its place “$151,292”, and remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

b. In paragraph V.B.2.a.ii., remove “$295,141” in all three locations where it appears, and add in its place in all three locations “$302,584”.

c. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a) of section V.B.2.a. as paragraph V.B.2.a.v.

d. Revise newly redesignated paragraph V.B.2.a.v.

e. Designate the undesignated paragraph after newly redesignated paragraph V.B.2.a.v., which starts with “The following Matrix represents the base amount of the proposed civil penalty” and contains a table titled “Base Penalty Matrix,” as V.B.2.a.vi.

f. Revise newly redesignated paragraph V.B.2.a.vi.

The revisions read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 501—Economic Sanctions Enforcement Guidelines

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V.* * *
v. The applicable statutory maximum civil penalty per violation for each statute enforced by OFAC is as follows: International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) — greater of $302,584 or twice the amount of the underlying transaction; Trading with the Enemy Act (TWEA) — $89,170; Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (FNKDA) — $1,503,470; Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) — greater of $79,874 or twice the amount of which a financial institution was required to retain possession or control; and Clean Diamond Trade Act (CDTA) — $13,669. The civil penalty amounts authorized under these statutes are subject to adjustment pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-410, as amended, 28 U.S.C. 2461 note).

vi. The following matrix represents the base amount of the proposed civil penalty for each category of violation:
### BASE PENALTY MATRIX

**Egregious Case**

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<td>Applicable Schedule Amount</td>
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### PART 510—NORTH KOREA SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

4. The authority citation for part 510 continues to read as follows:


**Subpart G—Penalties**

§ 510.701 [Amended]
5. Amend § 510.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate Note 1 to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 535—IRANIAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS

6. The authority citation for part 535 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 535.701 [Amended]

7. Amend § 535.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.
PART 536—NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

8. The authority citation for part 536 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties
§ 536.701 [Amended]

9. Amend § 536.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 539—WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TRADE CONTROL REGULATIONS

10. The authority citation for part 539 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties
§ 539.701 [Amended]

11. Amend § 539.701 as follows:
a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 541—ZIMBABWE SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

12. The authority citation for part 541 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 541.701 [Amended]

13. Amend § 541.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 542—SYRIAN SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

14. The authority citation for part 542 continues to read as follows:

Subpart G—Penalties

§ 542.701 [Amended]

15. Amend § 542.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 544—WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATORS

SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

16. The authority citation for part 544 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 544.701 [Amended]

17. Amend § 544.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).
c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 546—DARFUR SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

18. The authority citation for part 546 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 546.701 [Amended]

19. Amend § 546.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 547—DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

20. The authority citation for part 547 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties
§ 547.701 [Amended]

21. Amend § 547.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate Note 1 to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 548—BELARUS SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

22. The authority citation for part 548 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 548.701 [Amended]

23. Amend § 548.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 549—LEBANON SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

24. The authority citation for part 549 continues to read as follows:

Subpart G—Penalties

§ 549.701 [Amended]

25. Amend § 549.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove "$295,141" and add in its place "$302,584".

PART 560—IRANIAN TRANSACTIONS AND SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

26. The authority citation for part 560 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 560.701 [Amended]

27. Amend § 560.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).
c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 561—IRANIAN FINANCIAL SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

28. The authority citation for part 561 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 561.701 [Amended]

29. Amend § 561.701 as follow:

a. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a) as paragraph (a)(4).

b. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(4), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 566—HIZBALLAH FINANCIAL SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

30. The authority citation for part 566 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties
§ 566.701 [Amended]

31. Amend § 566.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraphs (b) through (e) as paragraphs (c) through (f).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a) as paragraph (b).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (b), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 576—IRAQ STABILIZATION AND INSURGENCY SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

32. The authority citation for part 576 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 576.701 [Amended]

33. Amend § 576.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 583—GLOBAL MAGNITSKY SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

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34. The authority citation for part 583 continues to read as follows:

    note); E.O. 13818, 82 FR 60839, December 26, 2017.

35. In §583.701, add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 583.701 Penalties and Findings of Violation.

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(c) IEEPA provides for a maximum civil penalty not to exceed the greater of $302,584 or an amount that is twice the amount of the transaction that is the basis of the violation with respect to which the penalty is imposed.

PART 584—MAGNITSKY ACT SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

36. The authority citation for part 584 continues to read as follows:


§ 584.701 [Amended]

37. Amend §584.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 588—WESTERN BALKANS STABILIZATION REGULATIONS
38. The authority citation for part 588 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 588.701 [Amended]

39. Amend § 588.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 592—ROUGH DIAMONDS CONTROL REGULATIONS

40. The authority citation for part 592 continues to read as follows:


Subpart F—Penalties

§ 592.601 [Amended]

41. Amend § 592.601 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) as paragraphs (a)(3) and (4).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2) remove “$13,333” and add in its place “$13,669”.
PART 594—GLOBAL TERRORISM SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

42. The authority citation for part 594 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 594.701 [Amended]

43. Amend § 594.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 595—TERRORISM SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

44. The authority citation for part 595 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 595.701 [Amended]
45. Amend § 595.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate paragraph (a)(2) as paragraph (a)(3).

b. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(1) as paragraph (a)(2).

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(2), remove “$295,141” and add in its place “$302,584”.

PART 597—FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

46. The authority citation for part 597 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 597.701 [Amended]

47. Amend § 597.701 as follows:

a. Redesignate the note to paragraph (b) as paragraph (b)(3).

b. In newly redesignated paragraph (b)(3), remove “$77,909” and add in its place “$79,874”.

PART 598—FOREIGN NARCOTICS KINGPIN SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

48. The authority citation for part 598 continues to read as follows:


Subpart G—Penalties

§ 598.701 [Amended]

49. Amend § 598.701 as follows:
a. Redesignate the note to paragraph (a)(3) as paragraph (a)(4).

b. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(4), remove “$1,466,485” and add in its place “$1,503,470”.

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