
2. In §225.19, revise the first sentence of paragraph (c), and paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§225.19 Primary groups of accidents/incidents.

(e) The reporting threshold is $6,700 for calendar years 2002 through 2005, $7,700 for calendar year 2006, $8,200 for calendar year 2007, $8,500 for calendar year 2008, $8,900 for calendar year 2009, $9,200 for calendar year 2010, $9,400 for calendar year 2011, $9,500 for calendar year 2012, $9,900 for calendar year 2013, $10,500 for calendar year 2014, $10,500 for calendar year 2015, $10,500 for calendar year 2016, and $10,700 for calendar year 2017. The procedure for determining the reporting threshold for calendar years 2006 and beyond appears as paragraphs 1–8 of appendix B to part 225.

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Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 11
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Civil Penalties; Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Adoption of interim rule as final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or we) is adopting, as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that revised our civil procedure regulations and increased civil monetary penalties for inflation.

DATES: Effective on December 23, 2016.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations at 50 CFR part 11 provide uniform rules and procedures for the assessment of civil penalties resulting from violations of certain laws and regulations enforced by the Service.

On June 28, 2016, the Service published in the Federal Register an interim rule (81 FR 41862) that amended 50 CFR part 11, in accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Inflation Adjustment Act; sec. 701 of Pub. L. 114–74) and Office of Management and Budget guidance, to adjust for inflation the statutory civil monetary penalties that may be assessed for violations of Service-administered statutes and their implementing regulations. We are required to adjust civil monetary penalties as necessary for inflation according to a formula specified in the Inflation Adjustment Act.

The interim rule became effective on July 28, 2016. We accepted public comments for 60 days on the interim rule, ending August 29, 2016. By that date, we did not receive any comments on the interim rule. Therefore, we are affirming the interim rule as a final rule, without change.