

about the compliance guide should be sent to Richard Lower at the previously mentioned address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

After consideration of all relevant material presented, including the information and recommendations submitted by the Board and other available information, AMS has determined that this rule is consistent with and will effectuate the declared policy of the Act.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 984

Marketing agreements, Nuts, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Agricultural Marketing Service amends 7 CFR part 984 as follows:

#### PART 984—WALNUTS GROWN IN CALIFORNIA

■ 1. The authority citation for part 984 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

■ 2. Section 984.347 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 984.347 Assessment rate.

On and after September 1, 2024, an assessment rate of \$0.0125 per inshell pound is established for California walnuts.

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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#### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

##### 11 CFR Part 104

[Notice 2024–26]

##### Requirement To File FEC Form 3–Z

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends Federal Election Commission regulations by removing the requirement that the principal campaign committee of a candidate with multiple authorized committees must report information on FEC Form 3–Z.

**DATES:** The effective date is February 1, 2025.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Rothstein, Assistant General Counsel for Policy, or Jennifer Waldman, Attorney, 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC, (202) 694–1650 or (800) 424–9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is amending its regulations to remove the requirement that the principal campaign committee of a candidate with multiple authorized committees must report information on FEC Form 3–Z.

##### Transmitting Final Rules to Congress

Before promulgating rules or regulations to carry out the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, the Commission transmits the rules or regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate for a thirty-legislative-day review period. 52 U.S.C. 30111(d). These final rules were transmitted to Congress on November 19, 2024.

##### Explanation and Justification

###### I. Background

###### A. Act and Commission Regulations

The Federal Election Campaign Act (the “Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Commission regulations require each candidate to register a principal campaign committee within 15 days of becoming a candidate.<sup>2</sup> A candidate may also authorize other political committees to receive contributions or make expenditures on the candidate’s behalf by designating the committees in writing and filing the designations with the candidate’s principal campaign committee.<sup>3</sup>

The Act requires “each designation, statement or report of receipts or disbursements made by an authorized committee” to be filed with the candidate’s principal campaign committee.<sup>4</sup> The Act further requires each principal campaign committee, in turn, to “receive” these designations, statements and reports and to “compile and file” them pursuant to the Act.<sup>5</sup>

In 1980, the Commission promulgated a regulation (11 CFR 104.3(f)) to implement these requirements: Section 104.3(f) requires each candidate’s principal campaign committee to file reports submitted to it by the candidate’s other authorized

committees, along with its own report.<sup>6</sup> In addition, § 104.3(f) requires the principal campaign committee to file FEC Form 3–Z to report specific consolidated information gleaned from the authorized committees’ reports when it submits those reports to the Commission.<sup>7</sup> It is this FEC Form 3–Z that the Commission is now removing.

When the Commission first started requiring FEC Form 3–Z, political committees filed their reports only in paper form and the Commission made the reports publicly available on paper and microfiche in the Commission’s Public Records room. By requiring a candidate’s principal campaign committee to consolidate information about the financial activity of all of the candidate’s authorized committees on FEC Form 3–Z, the Commission made it easier for the public to obtain a comprehensive picture of the candidate’s receipts and disbursements during the reporting period.

###### B. Electronic Filing

Public access to political committees’ reports has expanded dramatically since 1980, however, due in large part to statutory revisions and technological developments. In 1999, Congress amended the Act to provide for electronic filing;<sup>8</sup> as a result, all political committees that have or reasonably expect to have contributions or expenditures exceeding \$50,000 in a calendar year must electronically file their reports directly with the Commission, and other persons may do so if they choose.<sup>9</sup> Further, Congress amended the Act to require the Commission to make all reports filed electronically with the Commission publicly available on the internet within 24 hours of receipt and within 48 hours of receipt for reports not filed electronically.<sup>10</sup>

More recently, Congress amended the Act to require the Commission to maintain a central website “to make accessible to the public all publicly available election-related reports and information” required to be filed under

<sup>1</sup> 52 U.S.C. 30101–45.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* 30102(e)(1); 11 CFR 101.1(a); *see also* 52 U.S.C. 30101(5) (“The term ‘principal campaign committee’ means a political committee designated and authorized by a candidate under section 30102(e)(1) of this title.”); 11 CFR 100.5(e)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 52 U.S.C. 30102(e)(1); 11 CFR 101.1(b); *see also* 52 U.S.C. 30101(6) (“The term ‘authorized committee’ means the principal campaign committee or any other political committee authorized by a candidate under section 30102(e)(1) of this title to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of such candidate.”); 11 CFR 100.5(f)(1).

<sup>4</sup> 52 U.S.C. 30102(f)(1).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* 30102(f)(2).

<sup>6</sup> 11 CFR 104.3(f).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> Appropriations, 2000, Public Law 106–58, sec. 639(a), 113 Stat. 430, 476 (1999); 52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(11)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 11 CFR. 104.18(a) (requiring electronic filing for certain political committee); *id.* § 104.18(b) (authorizing other committees to file electronically if they choose to do so); Electronic Filing of Reports by Political Committees, 65 FR 38415 (June 21, 2000), <https://sers.fec.gov/fosers/showpdf.htm?docid=382>.

<sup>10</sup> 52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(11)(B), (d)(2).

the Act.<sup>11</sup> The posted reports and related information can be searched, sorted, and downloaded.<sup>12</sup>

#### C. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

On August 1, 2024, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NPRM”) soliciting comments on whether it should remove the requirement that principal campaign committees file Form 3–Z in light of statutory changes and technological advances.<sup>13</sup> The NPRM comment period ended on September 3, 2024. The Commission received two substantive comments in response to the NPRM, both in favor of the Commission’s proposal.

#### II. Revised Changes to 11 CFR 104.3

After reviewing the public comments received in response to the NPRM, the Commission is amending § 104.3(f) by eliminating the requirement that principal campaign committees file FEC Form 3–Z. Although FEC Form 3–Z served a useful purpose when it was introduced more than 40 years ago, the information that it provides essentially duplicates information that is now filed directly with the Commission and readily available to the public in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable format. Accordingly, FEC Form 3–Z has been rendered obsolete.

#### Certification of No Effect Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b) (Regulatory Flexibility Act)

The Commission certifies that the amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The amendment will simplify the reporting requirements for a principal campaign committee of a candidate with multiple authorized committees. The change will not impose new recordkeeping, reporting, or financial obligations on any political committees. The Commission therefore certifies that the amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

#### List of Subjects in 11 CFR Part 104

Campaign funds, Political committees and parties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Federal Election Commission amends 11 CFR part 104 as follows:

#### PART 104—REPORTS BY POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER PERSONS (52 U.S.C. 30104)

- 1. The authority citation for part 104 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 52 U.S.C. 30101(1), 30101(8), 30101(9), 30102(f), (g), and (i), 30104, 30111(a)(8) and (b), 30114, and 30116 and 36 U.S.C. 510.

- 2. Amend § 104.3 by revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

#### § 104.3 Contents of reports (52 U.S.C. 30104(b), 30114).

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(f) *Consolidated reports.* Each principal campaign committee shall consolidate in each report those reports required to be filed with it. Such consolidated reports shall include:

- (1) Reports submitted to it by any authorized committees; and
- (2) The principal campaign committee’s own reports.

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Dated: November 19, 2024.

On behalf of the Commission.

Sean J. Cooksey,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2024–1888; Project Identifier MCAI–2024–00190–T; Amendment 39–22879; AD 2024–22–08]

RIN 2120–AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus SAS Model Airbus A350–941 and –1041 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a determination that the lower attachment studs on the aft galley complex may be installed incorrectly

due to a missing instruction in the maintenance procedure task. This AD requires a one-time inspection of the lower attachment studs on the aft galley complex, and depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective actions, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective December 31, 2024.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of December 31, 2024.

#### ADDRESSES:

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2024–1888; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADS@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADS@easa.europa.eu); website [easa.europa.eu](https://easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at [ad.easa.europa.eu](https://ad.easa.europa.eu).

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2024–1888.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dat Le, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; email [9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain Airbus SAS Model Airbus A350–941 and –1041 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2024 (89 FR 58081). The NPRM was prompted by AD 2024–0073, dated March 18, 2024, issued by EASA, which is the Technical Agent for

<sup>11</sup> Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Public Law 107–155, sec. 502, 116 Stat. 115 (2002); 52 U.S.C. 30112(a).

<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., 52 U.S.C. 30104(i)(4) (requiring Commission to ensure, “to the greatest extent practicable,” that certain information is publicly available on its website “in a manner that is searchable, sortable, and downloadable”).

<sup>13</sup> Requirement to File FEC Form 3–Z, 89 FR 62672 (Aug. 1, 2024), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-08-01/pdf/2024-16843.pdf>.