

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Intertek USA, Inc., has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of February 8, 2017.

DATES: The accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on February 8, 2017. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for February 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher J. Mocella, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that Intertek USA, Inc., 481A East Shore Parkway, New Haven, CT 06512, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19

CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Intertek USA, Inc., is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
1	Vocabulary.
3	Tank gauging.
7	Temperature determination.
8	Sampling.
12	Calculations.
17	Maritime measurement.

Intertek USA, Inc., is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-01	D287	Standard Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method).
27-06	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27-08	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products.
27-11	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids.
27-13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27-14	D2622	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products (X-Ray Spectrographic Methods).
27-48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27-50	D93	Standard Test Methods for Flash-Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester.
27-53	D2709	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Middle Distillate Fuels by Centrifuge.
27-54	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method.
27-57	D7039	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Gasoline and Diesel Fuel by Monochromatic Wavelength Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27-58	D5191	Standard Test Method For Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method).

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

Dated: July 18, 2017.

Ira S. Reese,
Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6015-N-02]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017, is 2¼ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or

initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017, is 2⅞ percent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yong Sun, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 5148, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 402-4778 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715b) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the

commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning July 1, 2017, is 2⁷/₈ percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 2⁷/₈ percent for the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the latter 6 months of 2017.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
9 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1980 ...	July 1, 1980
9 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1980 ...	Jan. 1, 1981
11 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1981 ...	July 1, 1981
12 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 1981 ...	Jan. 1, 1982
12 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1982 ...	Jan. 1, 1983
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1983 ...	July 1, 1983
10 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1983 ...	Jan. 1, 1984
11 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1984 ...	July 1, 1984
13 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1984 ...	Jan. 1, 1985
11 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1985 ...	July 1, 1985
11 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1985 ...	Jan. 1, 1986
10 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1986 ...	July 1, 1986
8 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1986 ...	Jan. 1, 1987
8	Jan. 1, 1987 ...	July 1, 1987
9	July 1, 1987 ...	Jan. 1, 1988
9 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1988 ...	July 1, 1988
9 ³ / ₈	July 1, 1988 ...	Jan. 1, 1989
9 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1989 ...	July 1, 1989
9	July 1, 1989 ...	Jan. 1, 1990
8 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1990 ...	July 1, 1990

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
9	July 1, 1990 ...	Jan. 1, 1991
8 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1991 ...	July 1, 1991
8 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 1991 ...	Jan. 1, 1992
8	Jan. 1, 1992 ...	July 1, 1992
8	July 1, 1992 ...	Jan. 1, 1993
7 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1993 ...	July 1, 1993
7	July 1, 1993 ...	Jan. 1, 1994
6 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1994 ...	July 1, 1994
7 ³ / ₄	July 1, 1994 ...	Jan. 1, 1995
8 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1995 ...	July 1, 1995
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1995 ...	Jan. 1, 1996
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1996 ...	July 1, 1996
7 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 1996 ...	Jan. 1, 1997
6 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 1997 ...	July 1, 1997
7 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1997 ...	Jan. 1, 1998
6 ³ / ₈	Jan. 1, 1998 ...	July 1, 1998
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1998 ...	Jan. 1, 1999
5 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 1999 ...	July 1, 1999
6 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 1999 ...	Jan. 1, 2000
6 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2000 ...	July 1, 2000
6 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2000 ...	Jan. 1, 2001
6	Jan. 1, 2001 ...	July 1, 2001
5 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2001 ...	Jan. 1, 2002
5 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2002 ...	July 1, 2002
5 ³ / ₄	July 1, 2002 ...	Jan. 1, 2003
5	Jan. 1, 2003 ...	July 1, 2003
4 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2003 ...	Jan. 1, 2004
5 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2004 ...	July 1, 2004
5 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2004 ...	Jan. 1, 2005
4 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2005 ...	July 1, 2005
4 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2005 ...	Jan. 1, 2006
4 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2006 ...	July 1, 2006
5 ³ / ₈	July 1, 2006 ...	Jan. 1, 2007
4 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2007 ...	July 1, 2007
5	July 1, 2007 ...	Jan. 1, 2008
4 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2008 ...	July 1, 2008
4 ⁵ / ₈	July 1, 2008 ...	Jan. 1, 2009
4 ¹ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2009 ...	July 1, 2009
4 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 2009 ...	Jan. 1, 2010
4 ¹ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2010 ...	July 1, 2010
4 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 2010 ...	Jan. 1, 2011
3 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2011 ...	July 1, 2011
4 ¹ / ₈	July 1, 2011 ...	Jan. 1, 2012
2 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2012 ...	July 1, 2012
2 ³ / ₄	July 1, 2012 ...	Jan. 1, 2013
2 ¹ / ₂	Jan. 1, 2013 ...	July 1, 2013
2 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2013 ...	Jan. 1, 2014
3 ⁵ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2014 ...	July 1, 2014
3 ¹ / ₄	July 1, 2014 ...	Jan. 1, 2015
3	Jan. 1, 2015 ...	July 1, 2015
2 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2015 ...	Jan. 1, 2016
2 ⁷ / ₈	Jan. 1, 2016 ...	July 1, 2016
2 ¹ / ₂	July 1, 2016 ...	Jan. 1, 2017
2 ³ / ₄	Jan. 1, 2017 ...	July 1, 2017
2 ⁷ / ₈	July 1, 2017 ...	Jan. 1, 2018

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Public Law 108–199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended Section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under Section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States

Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H–15. The Federal Housing Administration has codified this provision in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 203.405(b) and 24 CFR 203.479(b).

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the “going Federal rate” in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term “going Federal rate” is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to Section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2017, is 2¹/₄ percent.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).)

Dated: July 14, 2017.

Dana T. Wade,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Agency Information Collection Activities: OMB Control Number 1076–0178; Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitations and Reporting

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is