

Guidance for addressing software issue with regulations.gov for 232 Pharma notice

On April 16, 2025, BIS published a “Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Ingredients” (90 FR 15951).

The April 16 notice specifies that comments must be received by May 7, 2025.

Comments on this notice may be submitted to the Federal rulemaking portal at: www.regulations.gov. The regulations.gov ID for this notice is BIS–2025–0022.

On May 6, BIS was made aware that certain commenters were noticing that the comment period in regulations.gov was incorrectly appearing as May 6, 2025 and that the comment deadline date appeared to change during that day, which some people speculated to be a software issue.

BIS contacted the regulations.gov IT support desk and determined the issue may have stemmed from the recent transition of regulations.gov to a cloud platform. The comment end date in regulations.gov has been corrected to May 7, 2025.

- If a commenter that had issues with submitting their comment using regulations.gov, contacts BIS on May 7, 2025, BIS will direct those commenters to use regulations.gov to submit their comments.
- For commenters who prefer not to or are not able to submit comments through regulations.gov, BIS will accept and post those comments submitted by email at pharma232@bis.doc.gov to regulations.gov.