



Week in Regulation

Modest Thaw in Regulatory Freeze

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Regulatory activity last week remained far more restrained than usual as President Trump's regulatory freeze period continued. Once again, the only set of rules with any quantifiable impact was another set of routine airworthiness directives. This past week, however, saw more of them and even had a couple that left a not-insignificant mark. Across all rulemakings, agencies published \$178.6 million in total costs and no new paperwork burden hours.

REGULATORY TOPLINES

- Proposed Rules: 10
- Final Rules: 47
- 2025 Total Pages: 9,655
- 2025 Final Rule Costs: \$6.1 billion
- 2025 Proposed Rule Costs: \$180.1 billion

NOTABLE REGULATORY ACTIONS

Last week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released 10 airworthiness directive rulemakings that had some appreciable impact. While most of these had costs either in the hundreds of thousands or low millions of dollars, there were two that included more pronounced effects. Final rules on "[FS 2001 Corp, FS 2002 Corporation, FS 2003 Corporation, Piper, and Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes](#)" and "[Embraer S.A. \(Type Certificate Previously Held by Yaborã Indústria Aeronáutica S.A.; Embraer S.A.\) Airplanes](#)" combined for nearly \$170 million in total costs.

TRACKING TRUMP 2.0

There were no new details on the implementation of President Trump's [Executive Order \(EO\) 14,192](#) regarding the re-establishment of a regulatory budget framework. In terms of executive directives that may have some impact on the administrative state, it would seem that the president's priorities lied elsewhere this past week. EOs updating the federal government's policy on [paper straws](#) and [further revising](#) the official scope and mission of the "Department of Government Efficiency" were the standout policy items of the week.

On the Congressional Review Act (CRA) front, be sure to follow the American Action Forum's (AAF) updated [CRA tracker](#). As of today, members of the 119th Congress have introduced CRA resolutions of disapproval addressing 29 Biden-era rules that collectively involve \$136.7 billion in compliance costs. AAF will continue to update this tracker as additional resolutions are introduced and receive votes on the floors of each chamber.

TOTAL BURDENS

Since January 1, the federal government has published \$186.2 billion in total net costs (with \$6.1 billion in new costs from finalized rules) and 25 million hours of net annual paperwork cuts (with 1.7 million hours in increases from final rules).

