

of an Environmental Assessment, an Environmental Impact Statement, or a Finding of No Significant Impact for this rule is not required. This rule is an administrative and procedural regulation which clearly has no environmental impacts.

List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 69

Vessels, Measurement standards.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 46 CFR Part 69 is amended as follows:

PART 69—MEASUREMENT OF VESSELS

1. The authority citation to Part 69 is revised to read as follows and all other authority citations are removed:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 14102, 14103; 49 CFR 1.46; § 69.01–21 issued under 44 U.S.C. 3507, 49 CFR 1.45.

2. Section 69.01–11 is revised to read as follows:

§ 69.01–11 Measurement sources.

(a) All U.S. commercial, recreational, and public non-combatant vessels that are measured under a formal measurement system after May 1, 1987, must be measured by the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS). Applications for measurement must be directed to the American Bureau of Shipping, 45 Eisenhower Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey, 07654, (201) 368-9100.

(b) All vessels measured under the Optional Simplified Measurement Method after May 1, 1987, and all Navy combatant ships and Coast Guard vessels measured under the formal measurement systems must be measured by the Coast Guard. Applications for measurement must be directed to Commandant (C-MVI-5/SM), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington DC 20593-0001 (202) 267-1105.

(c) The appropriate certificate of measurement is issued by the measuring organization as evidence of the vessel's measurement under this part.

3. In § 69.01–15, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 69.01–15 Remeasurement and adjustment of tonnage.

(a) Once measured, a vessel retains its tonnage until structural or arrangement changes are made that require a new measurement. Vessel owners shall report all changes immediately to the appropriate measurement organization listed in § 69.01–11. The organization advises the owner if remeasurement is necessary.

4. In § 69.01–17, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 69.01–17 Appeals.

(b) Appeals of decisions made by a measurement organization listed under § 69.01–11(a) must be submitted directly to Commandant (C-MVI) at the address in § 69.01–11(b).

5. Section 69.01–19 is revised to read as follows:

§ 69.01–19 Fees.

Information on fees for measurement services performed by a measurement organization listed in § 69.01–11(a) is available directly from that organization.

6. In § 69.15–39, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 69.15–39 Application for measurement according to the optional dual tonnage method.

(a). Applications for measurement under the Optional Dual Tonnage Method must be submitted together with supporting plans or sketches to the appropriate measurement organization listed in § 69.01–11.

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Office of Marine Safety, Security and
Environmental Protection.

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Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Part 173

[Docket No. HM-149E; Amdt. No. 173-202]

Exceptions for Specified Quantities of Radioactive Materials

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) is renewing for two years the exceptions (statutory exemptions) for specified quantities of radioactive materials found in 49 CFR 173.4, 173.421–1 and 173.421–2. These amendments are necessary to permit the transportation by passenger-carrying aircraft of certain quantities of radioactive materials under existing provisions. Renewal of these exceptions will prevent the disruption of routine and ongoing shipments which have been

made safely for 12 years under the existing exceptions. These materials do not present a significant hazard to passengers or crew on an aircraft.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2, 1987.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Jackson, (202) 368-4488, Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, RSPA, Washington DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 2, 1987, RSPA published a notice in the Federal Register [Docket HM-149E, Notice No. 87-1, 52 FR 6178]. This notice requested public comment on RSPA amending the Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) by renewing for two years the exceptions (statutory exemptions) found in 49 CFR 173.4, 173.421–1 and 173.421–2 for specified quantities of radioactive materials.

In accordance with section 107 of the Hazardous Transportation Act (HMTA, 49 U.S.C. 1806) governing exemptions, the exceptions provided in §§ 173.4, 173.421–1 and 173.421–2 are limited to two years unless reexamined and renewed. These exceptions expire on May 2, 1987. Historically, these exceptions have been issued and subsequently renewed under Docket HM-149. The legal background and regulatory history of these exceptions can be found in Docket HM-149C [46 FR 24184] published on April 30, 1981, and in preceding amendments dating back to April 17, 1975 [40 FR 17141].

Two commenters responded to Notice 87-1. Both commenters fully supported updating the exceptions contained in the proposed rule. Their support was based on their experience shipping these materials and the excellent safety record associated with the transportation of these materials.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 1806 and 49 CFR 106.13, RSPA has reexamined the provisions of the exceptions provided in §§ 173.4, 173.421–1 and 173.421–2. Predicated on this review and based on the very limited hazard posed by these materials, RSPA is extending the effective dates of the exceptions contained in these sections through May 2, 1989.

Administrative Notices

Executive Order 12291

The RSPA has determined that the effect of this final rule will not meet the criteria specified in section 1(b) of Executive Order 12291 and is, therefore, not a major rule. This is not a significant rule under DOT regulatory procedures [44 FR 11034] and requires neither a regulatory impact analysis, nor an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act

[49 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.]. A regulatory evaluation is available for review in the docket.

Impact on Small Entities

Based on limited information concerning the size and nature of the entities likely to be affected, I certify this rule will not, as promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 173

Hazardous materials transportation, Packing and containers.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 173 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 173—SHIPPERS—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS AND PACKAGINGS

1. The Authority citation for Part 173 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1805, 1808, 1809; 49 CFR 1.53(e), 1.53, Appendix A to Part 1, 49 U.S.C. 1655, 1655(c).

§ 173.4 [Amended]

2. In paragraph (b) of § 173.4, the year "1987" is changed to read "1989".

§ 173.421-1 [Amended]

3. In paragraph (b)(2) of § 173.421-1, the year "1987" is changed to read "1989".

§ 173.421-2 [Amended]

4. In paragraph (d) of § 173.421-2, the year "1987" is changed to read "1989".

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 28, 1987 under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.53.

M. Cynthia Douglass,

Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

49 CFR Part 1312

[Ex Parte No. MC-170 (Sub- No. 1)]

Short Notice Effectiveness for Independently Filed Single-Factor Motor-Water Rates

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has adopted a final rule amending 49 CFR 1312.39 to reduce the notice period for

independently filed single-factor domestic motor-water property rates. Rate reductions and new rates may become effective on 1-day's notice and rate increases may become effective on 7-workdays' notice, rather than on the 30-days' notice currently required. Notice of the proposed rule change was published at 50 FR 20920 on May 21, 1985.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will be effective on June 1, 1987.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ardith Horne, (202) 275-1764

or

Andrew L. Lyon, (202) 275-7691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revision to 49 CFR 1312.39 is set out below.

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to T. S. InfoSystems, Inc., Room 2229, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423, or call (202) 298-4357 (DC Metropolitan area).

The Commission certifies that the adopted rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. To the extent small entities will be affected, the effects should be positive. Regulatory lag will be reduced, and small carriers will be able to price their services more competitively, to their benefit and the benefit of their shippers.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 1312

Freight forwarders, Maritime carriers, Motor carriers, Pipelines, Railroads.

Decided: April 15, 1987.

By the Commission, Chairman Gradison, Vice Chairman Lamboley, Commissioners Sterrett, Andre, and Simmons. Commissioner Simmons dissented with a separate expression. Vice Chairman Lamboley dissented.

Noreta R. McGee,

Secretary.

Part 1312 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 1312—REGULATIONS FOR THE PUBLICATION, POSTING AND FILING OF TARIFFS, SCHEDULES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

1. The authority citation for 49 CFR Part 1312 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10782; 5 U.S.C. 553.

2. Paragraph (h)(4) of § 1312.39 is revised to read as follows:

§ 1312.39 Miscellaneous provisions which may be filed on less statutory notice.

(h) * * *

(4) *Joint intermodal traffic.* This subsection (h) applies to single-factor, motor-water property rates, charges, rules and other provisions, but does not apply to any other single-factor rate, charge, rule, or other provision having application over any segment of the lines of another transportation mode.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 675

[Docket No. 61225-7052]

Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that vessels of the United States have caught the prohibited species catch (PSC) limit of 80,000 *C. bairdi* Tanner crabs while conducting directed fishing for yellowfin sole and "other flatfish" in the Bering Sea subarea south of 58° 00' N. latitude and east of 165° 00' W. longitude (Zone 1). Therefore, further directed fishing on yellowfin sole and "other flatfish" by vessels of the United States is prohibited in Zone 1 for the remainder of the year, as required by regulations governing the groundfish fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.

EFFECTIVE DATES: From noon, April 27, 1987, Alaska Daylight Time (ADT), until midnight, Alaska Standard Time (AST), December 31, 1987.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet E. Smoker (Resource Management Specialist, NMFS), 907-586-7230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) governs the groundfish fishery in the exclusive economic zone under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. On March 19, 1987, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) published a final rule implementing Amendment 10 to the FMP (52 FR 8592).