

unless different thresholds have been established either in the HCA's delegation of contracting authority, or in a specific agency delegation from GSA under (FIRMR) 41 CFR201-20.305-2, Specific Agency Delegations of Procurement Authority (DPA); or, in internal DOE guidance documents.

(b) The contracting officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with all terms, conditions, and limitations imposed on DOE under a specific acquisition Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA).

(c) The contracting officer shall not award a contract, or a modification to an existing contract, when the value of the FIP resources portion of the award, including the value of any options, exceeds DOE's delegated FIP procurement authority redelegated to the HCA by the DSO. Where the anticipated award value of the FIP resources portion of the contract, or modification to the contract, exceeds DOE's delegated procurement authority, DOE shall obtain a revised delegation from GSA prior to award. Where the anticipated award value of the FIP resources portion of the contract, or modification to the contract, exceeds the HCA's redelegated procurement authority for that acquisition, the contracting officer shall have the redelegation revised, in accordance with internal DOE guidance documents, prior to award.

**Subpart 939.2 through 939.5 [Reserved]**

#### **Subpart 939.6 Competition Requirements**

##### **939.602-270 Outdated FIP equipment.**

Solicitations and contracts for, or using, outdated FIP equipment shall be submitted to the Office of Clearance and Support for review and approval. The Office of Information Management shall review these documents and make the decision whether to allow the acquisition or use of outdated FIP equipment.

**Subparts 939.7 through 939.9 [Reserved]**

#### **Subpart 939.10 Specifications, Standards, and Other Purchase Descriptions**

##### **939.1003-70 Purchase of Energy Efficient Computers (Energy Star).**

Executive Order 12845, "Purchase of Energy Efficient Computers by Federal Agencies," requires agencies to acquire microcomputers, including personal computers, monitors, and printers, that meet the "Energy Star" requirements established by the Environmental Protection Agency for energy efficiency. Solicitations for microcomputers and

peripheral equipment, issued after October 21, 1993, are required to include a requirement that equipment meet the "Energy Star" standard, unless an exemption has been provided by the Head of the Contracting Activity as authorized under section 1(a) of Executive Order 12845.

**Subparts 939.11 through 939.43 [Reserved]**

#### **Subpart 939.44 Subcontracting Policies and Procedures**

##### **939.4470 Contractor acquisitions of FIP resources.**

(a) *Management and operating (M&O) contracts.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, M&O contractors and their subcontractors shall not be used to acquire FIP resources unrelated to the mission of the M&O contract either for sole use by DOE employees or employees of other DOE contractors, or for use by other Federal agencies or their contractors.

(b) *Other than M&O contracts.* Where it has been determined that a contractor (other than an M&O contractor or its subcontractor) will acquire FIP resources either for sole use by DOE employees or for the furnishing of the FIP resources as government-furnished property under another contract, DOE will obtain any needed procurement authority from GSA prior to having the contractor acquire the FIP resources.

(c) *Consolidated contractor acquisitions.* When common FIP resource requirements in support of DOE programs have been identified and it is anticipated that the consolidation of such requirements will promote cost or other efficiencies, the Designated Senior Official for Information Management may authorize an M&O contractor to acquire FIP resources for use by the following:

- (1) One or more other contractor(s) performing on-site at the same DOE-owned or -leased facility as the M&O contractor, or
- (2) Other M&O contractors.

**Subparts 939.45 through 939.53 [Reserved]**

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## **INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION**

### **49 CFR Part 1023**

[Ex Parte No. MC-100 (Sub-No. 6)]

#### **Single State Insurance Registration**

**AGENCY:** Interstate Commerce Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; suspension of effectiveness.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is suspending the effectiveness of its recent revisions to the receipt provisions of its Single State Insurance Registration regulations. The Commission is acting in response to a petition by state interests. The suspension will maintain the status quo while interested parties consider alternatives to the existing registration system.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Effective August 4, 1995, § 1023.5, as revised at 60 FR 30011, June 7, 1995, is suspended from August 4, 1995, until January 1, 1997. Section 1023.5 is reinstated effective August 4, 1995, through December 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth H. Schwartz, (202) 927-5299 or Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927-5660. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a decision in *Single State Insurance Registration*, 9 I.C.C.2d 610 (1993), notice published at 58 FR 28932 on May 18, 1993, the Commission adopted final regulations that replaced a multi-state motor vehicle and operating authority registration system with a simplified, single-state, insurance-based registration system. The Commission acted pursuant to Congressional revisions to 49 U.S.C. 11506—Registration of Motor Carriers by a State. On judicial review, in *Nat'l Ass'n of Regulatory Util. Comm'rs v. ICC*, 41 F.3d 721 (D.C. Cir. 1994), the court found that the Commission had improperly balanced conflicting policy goals in adopting regulations giving motor carriers the authority to copy the registration receipts required by law to be kept in each motor vehicle. The court remanded the matter to the Commission for further consideration.

Upon consideration of the court's opinion and the comments filed by interested parties, the Commission adopted final rules revising the receipt provisions of the regulations in a decision served June 6, 1995, and notice published at 60 FR 30011 on June 7, 1995. Under the revised rules at 49 CFR 1023.5, states will issue official copies of registration receipts, and motor carriers will be required to maintain an official copy in each reported motor vehicle. Motor carrier copying of receipts will be prohibited. The new rules took effect July 7, 1995, in order to cover filings relating to the 1996 registration year.

By a petition filed July 11, 1995, the National Conference of State

Transportation Specialists (NCSTS) has requested that the Commission postpone the effectiveness of its revised rules for one year. The American Trucking Associations and the American Insurance Association have filed letters supporting the petition. NCSTS indicates that it is working with the motor carrier and insurance industries and the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a new insurance program.

In order to maintain the status quo while interested parties consider alternatives to the existing registration system, the Commission is granting the request. However, as the revised rules went into effect before the NCSTS filed its petition, the Commission is suspending, rather than postponing, the effectiveness of the revised rules and reinstating the rules that previously were in effect.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Certification

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. No new regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on such entities. We are continuing the effectiveness of rules that have been in place for 2 years and suspending the effectiveness of recently revised rules found not likely to have a significant economic impact. Thus, the economic impact on small entities, if any, is not likely to be significant within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### Environmental and Energy Considerations

We conclude that 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 1023

Insurance, Motor carriers, Surety bonds.

Accordingly, 49 CFR chapter X is amended as set forth below.

#### PART 1023—STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION WITH STATES

1. The authority citation for part 1023 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 10321 and 11506; 5 U.S.C. 553.

2. Section 1023.5, which was revised at 60 FR 30011 on June 7, 1995, is suspended from August 4, 1995, until January 1, 1997.

3. Section 1023.5 is reinstated from August 4, 1995, until December 31, 1996, to read as follows:

#### § 1023.5 Registration receipts.

(a) On compliance by a motor carrier with the annual or supplemental registration requirements of § 1023.4, the registration State must issue the carrier a receipt reflecting that the carrier has filed the required proof of insurance and paid fees in accordance with the requirements of that section.

(1) The receipt must contain only information identifying the carrier and specifying the States for which fees were paid. Supplemental receipts need contain only information relating to their underlying supplemental registrations.

(b) Receipts issued pursuant to a filing made during the annual registration period specified in § 1023.4(b)(2) must be issued within 30 days. All other receipts must be issued by the 30th day following the date of filing of a fully acceptable supplemental registration application. All receipts shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of December of the registration year for which they were issued.

(c) A carrier is permitted to operate its motor vehicles only in those participating States with respect to which it has paid appropriate fees.

(d) A motor carrier may make copies of receipts to the extent necessary to comply with the provisions of paragraph (e) of this section. However, it may not alter a receipt or a copy of a receipt.

(e) A motor carrier must maintain in each of its motor vehicles a copy(ies) of its receipt(s), indicating that it has filed the required proof of insurance and paid the required fees.

(f) The driver of a motor vehicle must present a copy(ies) of a receipt(s) for inspection by any authorized government personnel on reasonable demand.

(g) No registration State shall require decals, stamps, cab cards, or any other means of registering or identifying specific vehicles operated by a motor carrier.

Decided: July 31, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioners Simmons and McDonald.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 663

[Docket No. 941265-4365; I.D. 072595B]

#### Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Canary Rockfish and Lingcod Trip Limits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Inseason adjustment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces inseason adjustments to the trip limits for canary rockfish and establishes a small trip limit for trawl-caught lingcod smaller than 22 inches (56 cm) total length. These actions are intended to enable the 1995 harvest guideline for canary rockfish to be achieved, and to provide a reasonable tolerance for small lingcod. **DATES:** Effective August 1, 1995, until the effective date of the 1996 annual specifications and management measures for the Pacific coast groundfish fishery, which will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments will be accepted until August 15, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on these actions should be sent to Mr. William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or Ms. Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. Information relevant to these actions has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William L. Robinson 206-526-6140; or Rodney R. McInnis 310-980-4040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These actions are authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, which governs the harvest of groundfish in the U.S. exclusive economic zone off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.

On January 9, 1995, the 1995 Annual Specifications and Management Measures for Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery were published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 2331-2344). The management measures were amended