

DOE on January 19, 1996,<sup>10</sup> and by the Commission on February 14, 1996.<sup>11</sup>

List of Subjects of 16 CFR Part 305

Advertising, Energy conservation, Household appliances, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 16 CFR Part 305 is amended as follows:

**PART 305—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 305 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6294.

2. Appendix F to Part 305 is revised to read as follows:

Appendix F to Part 305—Clothes Washers

*Range Information*

“Compact” includes all household clothes washers with a tub capacity of less than 1.6 cu. ft. or 13 gallons of water.

“Standard” includes all household clothes washers with a tub capacity of 1.6 cu. ft. or 13 gallons of water or more.

Capacity	Range of estimated annual energy consumption (kWh/yr.)	
	Low	High
Compact:		
Top Loading .....	607	1061
Front Loading .....	(*)	(*)
Standard:		
Top Loading .....	616	1335
Front Loading .....	241	280

(\*) No data submitted.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Bureau of Consular Affairs**

**22 CFR Part 51**

**[Public Notice Number 2401]**

**Passports**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule amends the regulations at 22 CFR Part 51, Subpart B to eliminate obsolete language

regarding release of passport information.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 13, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William B. Wharton, Director, Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services, telephone (202) 955-0231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Present regulations provide for the release of passport information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, the Freedom of Information Act and applicable provisions of 22 CFR Part 171 and Part 172. This rule is not expected to have significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. In addition, this rule does not impose information collection requirements under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. This rule has been reviewed as required by E.O. 12778 and certified to be in compliance therewith. This rule is exempt from review under E.O. 12866, but has been reviewed internally by the Department to ensure consistency with the objectives thereof. In addition, as this amendment involves “a matter relating to agency management,” it is exempt from the requirement of notice and comment pursuant to section 553(a)(2) of the Administrative Procedures Act; and, accordingly, it may be promulgated as a final rule.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 51

Passports and visas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 22 CFR Part 51 is amended as follows:

**PART 51—PASSPORTS**

**Subpart B—Application**

1. The authority citation for section 51.33 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926; 5 U.S.C. 552, 552a.

2. Section 51.33 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 51.33 Release of passport information.**

Information in passport files is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act. Release of this information may be requested in accordance with the implementing regulations set forth in Subchapter R, Part 171 or Part 172 of this title.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Mary A. Ryan,

*Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.*

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**22 CFR Parts 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, and 88**

**[Public Notice 2406]**

**Shipping and Seamen**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consular Affairs, State.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** As part of the President’s Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, the Bureau of Consular Affairs is repealing all of its regulations on Shipping and Seamen, which are found at 22 CFR Parts 81 through 88. Several of the current regulations are obsolete and some of the regulations are merely word-for-word repetitions of existing statutes. At the same time, most of the procedural aspects of consular work relating to shipping and seamen are covered in the Foreign Affairs Manual, which provides guidance and instructions to consuls performing these responsibilities worldwide, and do not need to be covered in regulations. The Bureau is currently considering whether to propose a replacement section, to be designated as 22 CFR Part 80. If the Bureau decides that such regulations are necessary, it will propose new regulations that will be up to date and more appropriate in scope and content.

In the interim, the Department will rely directly on its statutory authorities in this area and the procedures in the Foreign Affairs Manual to perform shipping and seamen functions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 13, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carmen A. DiPlacido, or Michael Meszaros, Overseas Citizens Services, Department of State, 202-647-3666 or 202-647-4994.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This rule eliminates Parts 81 through 88 of the Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These rules relate to consular services provided to seamen and in connection with U.S. registered vessels. In recent years, the number of U.S. citizens serving as merchant seamen has declined. Also, the number of merchant vessels registered in the United States has declined. Proportionately, the quantity of consular services provided to U.S. seamen has also declined. Currently, very few foreign service posts are called upon to

<sup>10</sup> 61 FR 1366.

<sup>11</sup> 61 FR 5679.