

within any Indian reservation in the State.

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 3. Section 1952.205 is amended by revising the first four sentences of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1952.205 Level of Federal enforcement.
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(b) In accordance with section 18(e), final approval relinquishes Federal OSHA authority only with regard to occupational safety and health issues covered by the Minnesota plan. OSHA retains full authority over issues which are not subject to State enforcement under the plan. Thus, Federal OSHA retains its authority relative to safety and health in private sector offshore maritime activities and will continue to enforce offshore all provisions of the Act, rules or orders, and all Federal standards, current or future, specifically directed to maritime employment (29 CFR Part 1915, shipyard employment; Part 1917, marine terminals; Part 1918, longshoring; Part 1919, gear certification) as well as provisions of general industry standards (29 CFR Part 1910) appropriate to hazards found in these employments. Federal jurisdiction is also retained over the Twin Cities Army Ammunitions Plant, over Federal government employers and employees, and over any tribal or private sector employment within any Indian reservation in the State. * * *

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 4. Section 1952.205 is further amended by removing the word "or" immediately preceding the words "administrative practicability" in the second to last sentence in paragraph (b) and adding the word "of" in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. 960621181-6181-01]

RIN 0651-AA89

Elimination of Requirement for Proof of Service in Consented Requests for Extensions of Time To File a Notice of Opposition

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule deletes the requirement for proof of service when a request for an extension of time to

oppose registration of a trademark is based upon a statement that applicant has consented to the request. This rule will simplify opposition proceedings by eliminating an unnecessary requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1996. This rule will be applicable to all relevant correspondence filed with the Office on or after the effective date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Sams by telephone at (703) 308-9330, by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-9333, or by mail marked to his attention and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Box TTAB, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2.102(c)(2), which provides for an extension of time for filing an opposition under 37 CFR Part 2, is revised to delete the requirement that proof of service be included in consented extension requests. This change permits potential opposers to request an extension of time to oppose aggregating more than 120 days from the date of publication based on a written statement that the applicant or its authorized representative has consented to the request. The Office believes that the requirement for proof of service is unnecessary when the applicant has assertedly consented to the filing of the extension request. The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board sends a copy of the request together with the Board's action thereon to the applicant, which may file a request for reconsideration of the Board's action if necessary.

The Patent and Trademark Office has determined that this revision is procedural and remedial in nature, and this revision is therefore being published as a final rule. 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3) (A) and (B). This rule is not a significant rule for the purposes of Executive Order 12866. No notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule under 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, so a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared. 5 U.S.C. 603(a).

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 2

Administrative practice and procedure, Conflicts of interest, Courts, Inventions and patents, Lawyers.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, and pursuant to the authority contained in 15 U.S.C. 1123 and 35 U.S.C. 6, part 2 of title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below:

PART 2—RULES OF PRACTICE IN TRADEMARK CASES

1. The authority citation for 37 CFR Part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1123; 35 U.S.C. 6, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 2.102(c)(2) is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.102 Extension of time for filing an opposition.

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(c) * * * (2) a written request by the potential opposer or its authorized representative stating that the applicant or its authorized representative has consented to the request, or * * *

Dated: July 2, 1996.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 192, 193, and 195

[Docket No. PS-143; Amdts. 192-76; 193-11; 195-56]

RIN 2137-AC74

Periodic Updates to the Pipeline Safety Regulations

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

ACTION: Corrections to the final rule.

SUMMARY: On May 24, 1996, RSPA published a final rule in the Federal Register (61 FR 26121) titled "Periodic Updates to the Pipeline Safety Regulations." This final rule updated the references to voluntary specifications and standards to reflect more recently published editions of each document, enabling pipeline operators to utilize current technology, materials, and practices, thereby reducing costs and enhancing economic growth. The final rule also eliminated the requirement for odorization of hydrogen transmission lines in cases where the odorization interferes with industrial end uses. Consistent with President Clinton's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, these actions eliminated unnecessary regulatory burdens without compromising safety. This document makes minor corrections to the final rule to provide consistency in the regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 1996.