

FEMA divest itself of its inventory of mobile homes and travel trailers which serve as disaster temporary housing and devolve this portion of the housing program to the States.

The need for providing actual structures to serve as disaster temporary housing is infrequent. The requirement occurs only when homes are so badly damaged they cannot be repaired quickly and when the amount of available rental housing in the area is insufficient to accommodate the number of applicants requiring temporary housing.

Historically, an average of approximately two percent of all disaster housing assistance provided was in the form of a created resource. However, FEMA believes the resources of various State agencies can be mobilized to provide this housing in a timely and cost efficient manner.

FEMA will continue to administer that portion of the housing program that provides eligible applicants with direct financial assistance to repair their homes or rent other living accommodations. FEMA will also continue to make applicant eligibility determinations and refer those requiring created housing to the State.

FEMA and the State will enter into a cooperative agreement under which the State will perform the housing mission with appropriate program and administrative funding from FEMA, through the agreement or through a disaster grant. Details on the funding mechanism have yet to be determined.

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Associate Director, Response and Recovery.

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### 46 CFR Part 540

[Docket No. 94-06]

#### Financial Responsibility Requirements for Nonperformance of Transportation

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Further notice of proposed rulemaking; Extension of time to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed rule in this proceeding (61 FR 33059, June 26, 1996) would, *inter alia*, remove the current \$15 million coverage ceiling for nonperformance of transportation by passenger vessel operators, and replace the ceiling with sliding-scale coverage requirements keyed to passenger vessel

operators' financial rating, length of operation in United States trades and satisfactory explanation of claims for nonperformance of transportation. At the request of American Classic Voyages Co., and good cause appearing, the time for filing comments on the proposed rule is enlarged to September 25, 1996.

**DATES:** Comments due on or before September 25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments (original and fifteen copies) to: <sup>1</sup> Joseph C. Polking, Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol St., NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, (202) 523-5725.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryant L. VanBrakle, Director, Bureau of Tariffs Certification and Licensing, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol St., NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, (202) 523-5796.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Joseph C. Polking,  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 87-268; FCC 96-317]

#### Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact on the Existing Television Service

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is continuing the process for implementation of the next era of broadcast television: digital television (DTV) service. In this action, the Commission proposes policies for developing the initial DTV Table of Allotments, procedures for assigning DTV frequencies, and plans for spectrum recovery. The Commission also proposes technical criteria for the allotment of additional DTV frequencies and provides a draft DTV Table of Allotments. These proposals are intended to provide frequencies on which broadcasters will operate digital television service and to plan for recovery of spectrum from television service for other uses.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 22, 1996, and reply

<sup>1</sup>The Commission also requests, but does not require, that commenters submit an electronic copy of their comments in ASCII, WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format.

comments on or before December 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bruce Franca (202-418-2470), Alan Stillwell (202-418-2470) or Robert Eckert (202-428-2470), Office of Engineering and Technology.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC 96-317, adopted July 25, 1996. The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202-857-3800).

#### Summary of the Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making

1. In this action, the Commission is continuing the DTV implementation process by proposing policies for developing the initial DTV allotments and procedures for assigning DTV frequencies to broadcasters. The Commission also proposed technical criteria for the allotment of additional DTV frequencies and provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. The draft Table, which shows how digital frequencies might be allotted in individual markets, is based on the principles of accommodating all eligible broadcasters, replicating existing service areas, and sound spectrum management. The Commission stated that, while it expects the final DTV Table of Allotments to be based on these principles, the Table issued in this Further Notice is a draft and revisions are anticipated. The Commission's staff will work with broadcasters and other parties to revise the Table as appropriate. The Commission said that its goals in this phase of the proceeding are to ensure that the spectrum is used efficiently and effectively through reliance on market forces, and to ensure that the introduction of digital television fully serves the public interest.

2. The Commission is proposing several primary objectives for guiding the development of DTV allotments and assignments to ensure that broadcasters will be able to transition their transmitting facilities to DTV service. The first of these principles is to fully accommodate all eligible broadcasters,