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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 70, 71, 75, 77, 78, and 199

[CGD 84-069]

RIN 2115-AB72

Lifesaving Equipment

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is holding a public meeting on its interim rule for lifesaving equipment to receive views on the requirements for passenger vessels. The Coast Guard is also reopening the comment period for this rulemaking until October 31, 1996. The effective dates of the requirements listed in the interim rule will not change.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 26, 1996, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written material must be received not later than September 25, 1996. Comments on the interim rule must be received on or before October 31, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in room 166, O'Hare Lake Office Plaza, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Great Lakes Regional Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, DesPlaines, IL 60018. Written comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA)[CGD84-069], U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Markle, Chief, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Standards Division (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1444, fax (202) 267-1069. Normal office hours

are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Persons wishing to make oral presentations during the meeting should contact Ms. Tanya Lyle at (202) 267-0995. Copies of the interim rule may be obtained by submitting a request by fax at (202) 267-1069.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The Coast Guard published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register on December 31, 1984 (49 FR 50745). That notice described the major changes under consideration and invited comments on the project.

The Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for the rulemaking in the Federal Register on April 21, 1989 (54 FR 16196), and invited comments on its proposals.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on the proposed rules, particularly the provisions affecting passenger ferries. The hearing was announced in a Federal Register notice on October 5, 1989 (54 FR 41124), and held in Seattle, Washington, on October 17, 1989.

On May 20, 1996, the Coast Guard published an interim rule in the Federal Register (61 FR 25272) entitled, "Lifesaving Equipment." The project is part of the President's Regulatory Review Initiative to remove or revise unnecessary government regulations. The interim rule removes numerous obsolete sections from the Code of Federal Regulations and eliminates duplication of other provisions by consolidating the lifesaving requirements for most U.S. inspected vessels into the new subchapter W. The rule also revises the lifesaving equipment regulations for U.S. inspected vessels. It implements the provisions of Chapter III of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, and revises lifesaving regulations for Great Lakes vessels and certain vessels in domestic trade which are not covered by SOLAS. The rule also replaces many prescriptive regulations with performance-based alternatives. Because it had been more than 5 years since publication of the NPRM, the Coast Guard requested public comment on the interim rule. The Coast Guard is holding this public meeting in response to comments received relating to the requirements for passenger vessels in domestic service.

Public Meeting

Attendance is open to the public. Persons who are hearing impaired may request sign translation by contacting

the person under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 1 week before the meeting. With advance notice, and as time permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than the day before the meeting. Written material may be submitted prior to, during, or after the meeting. Persons unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to submit written comments as outlined in the interim rule prior to October 31, 1996.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

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Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-106; RM-8797]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hopkinsville, KY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Rockin' C Broadcasting, allots Channel 248A at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, as the community's third local commercial FM transmission service. See 61 FR 24263, May 14, 1996. Channel 248A can be allotted to Hopkinsville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 10 kilometers (6.3 miles) south to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WHRZ(FM), Channel 249A, Providence, Kentucky. The coordinates for Channel 248A at Hopkinsville are North Latitude 36-46-18 and West Longitude 87-28-28. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective September 27, 1996. The window period for filing applications will open on September 27, 1996, and close on October 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 96-106, adopted August 2, 1996, and released August 13, 1996. The full text of this