

(b)(2)(i) and (b)(2)(ii), respectively, and the revised paragraph (b) reads as follows:

**§ 4231.9 Request for compliance determination.**

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(b) *Contents of request*—

(1) *General.* A request for a compliance determination concerning a merger or transfer that is not de minimis shall contain —

(i) A copy of the merger or transfer agreement;

(ii) A summary of the required calculations, including a complete description of assumptions and methods, on which the enrolled actuary based each certification that a plan involved in the merger or transfer satisfied a plan solvency test described in § 4231.6; and

(iii) For each significantly affected plan, copies of all actuarial valuations performed within the 5 years preceding the date of filing the notice required under § 4231.8.

(2) *De minimis merger or transfer.* A request for a compliance determination concerning a de minimis merger or transfer shall contain one of the following statements for each plan that exists after the transaction, certified by an enrolled actuary:

(i) A statement that the plan satisfies one of the plan solvency tests set forth in § 4231.6(a), indicating which test is satisfied.

(ii) A statement of the basis on which the actuary has determined that benefits under the plan are not reasonably expected to be subject to suspension under section 4245 of ERISA, including supporting data or calculations, assumptions and methods.

**§ 4231.9 [Amended]**

16. At the end of § 4231.9, the words “(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1212–0022)” are removed.

**§ 4231.10 [Amended]**

17. At the end of § 4231.10, the words “(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1212–0022)” are removed.

Issued in Washington DC, this 25th day of April, 1997.

**John Seal,**

*Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**30 CFR Part 251**

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**Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period for proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This notice reopens to May 30, 1997, the deadline for the submission of comments on the proposed revision of requirements governing Geological and Geophysical Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf, that were published February 11, 1997.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments received by May 30, 1997. We will begin reviewing comments at that time and may not fully consider comments received after May 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-carry written comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; 381 Elden Street; Mail Stop 4700; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817; Attention: Rules Processing Team.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kumkum Ray, Engineering and Operations Division, at (703) 787–1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS has been asked to extend the deadline for respondents to submit comments on the proposed revisions of MMS’s requirements governing geological and geophysical explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf that were published February 11, 1997 (62 FR 6149). The request explains that more time is needed to allow respondents time to prepare detailed and comprehensive comments.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

**E.P. Danenberger,**

*Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 96**

**46 CFR Parts 2, 31, 71, 91, 107, 115, 126, 175, 176, and 189**

[CGD 95–073]

RIN 2115–AF44

**International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code)**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to develop regulations which parallel the international requirements for safety management systems required of companies and their U.S. vessels that are engaged on foreign voyages. This action is mandated by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996. These proposed regulations will allow responsible persons and their U.S. vessel(s) to develop safety management systems to enhance vessel operating safety and reduce pollution incidents in compliance with internationally and nationally mandated deadlines. The proposed regulations will also permit recognized organizations to receive authorization from the U.S. to audit safety management systems and issue international convention certificates.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 30, 1997. Comments sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on collection of information must reach OMB on or before June 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G–LRA/3406) (CGD 95–073), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001, or deliver them 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. You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between