

final rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The Coast Guard reached this conclusion based on the fact that the final rule will not prevent mariners from transiting the bridge, but merely require them to plan their transits in accordance with the scheduled bridge openings.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Coast Guard must consider whether this final rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632). Because it expects the impact of this final rule to be minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This final rule contains no collection of information requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this final rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this final rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph (32)(e) of COMDTINST M16475.1C, this final rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation based on the fact that it is a promulgation of the operating regulations for a drawbridge. A Categorical Exclusion Determination statement has been prepared and placed in the rulemaking docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); Section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.822 is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.822 Beaufort Channel, NC.

The draw of the US 70 bridge, mile 0.1., at Beaufort, shall open as follows:

(a) From 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw need only open every hour on the hour, twenty minutes past the hour and forty minutes past the hour; except that on weekdays the bridge need not open at 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m., 4:40 p.m. and 5:40 p.m.

(b) From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the bridge shall open on signal.

Dated: June 23, 1998.

P.M. Stillman,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Cerritos Channel, CA, Commodore Schuyler F. Heim Bridge

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation to the regulation governing the opening of the Commodore Schuyler F. Heim Bridge vertical lift bridge over the Cerritos Channel of Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor. The deviation specifies that the bridge need not be opened for vessels during the hours of 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., seven days a week beginning August 10, 1998 through September 22, 1998, except federal holidays. The purpose of this deviation is to allow the California Department of Transportation and its contractors to inspect, clean, and reweld the tower bracing to increase resistance to seismic forces. During this work the bridge must be closed to both highway and vessel traffic.

DATES: The effective period of the deviation is August 10, 1998 through September 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Susan Worden, Bridge Administrator, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Building 50-6 Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100, telephone (510) 437-3461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard anticipates that the economic consequences of this deviation will be minimal. The closure period is a time of reduced highway and vessel traffic. If mariners require an opening they have an alternate route available through the outer harbor, and they can avoid delays and detours by timing their transits during the hours of 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

This deviation from the normal operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.147(a) is authorized in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

J.C. Card,

Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Interim Rule for Global Package Link to Germany and France

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending the rule in the International Mail Manual on Global Package Link to Germany and France to add a merchandise return service for customers utilizing the GPL service to Germany and France.

DATES: The interim regulations take effect as of 12:01 a.m. on July 10, 1998. Comments must be received on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to International Business Unit, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, room 370-IBU, Washington, DC 20260-6500. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

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