

§ 892.6550 Manual radionuclide applicator system.

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(b) *Classification.* Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to § 892.9.

246. Section 892.6500 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 892.6500 Personnel protective shield.

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(b) *Classification.* Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to § 892.9.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

William B. Schultz,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****21 CFR Part 1310**

[DEA NUMBER 137E]

RIN 1117-AA31

Exemption of Chemical Mixtures

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Proposed Rule; Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The DEA is extending the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Exemption of Chemical Mixtures" published on September 16, 1998 (63 FR 49506).

DATES: The period for public comment that was to close on November 16, 1998 will be extended to February 15, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (63 FR 49506) to implement those portions of the Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 [Pub. L. 103-200] that exempt from regulation under the Controlled Substances Act certain chemical mixtures that contain regulated chemicals. The proposed regulations identified those mixtures, or categories of mixtures, that will be automatically exempt from regulation and defined an application process that can be used to exempt chemical mixtures that do not meet the criteria for automatic exemption. On October 15, 1998, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara, P.C. submitted a formal request that the comment period be extended. Upon consideration of this request, an

extension is provided that allows ample time for interested persons to evaluate and consider all aspects of this proposal and respond accordingly. Therefore, the comment period for the proposed rule is extended to February 15, 1999. Comments must be received by the DEA on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments and objections should be submitted in quintuplicate to the Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/CCR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Sapienza, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC 20537, Telephone (202) 307-7183.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Donnie R. Marshall,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****38 CFR Part 21**

RIN 2900-AI63

Eligibility Criteria for the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty and Other Miscellaneous Issues

AGENCIES: Department of Defense, Department of Transportation (Coast Guard), and Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the educational assistance and educational benefit regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The proposed amendments reflect statutory changes which set forth new eligibility criteria that will allow additional individuals to establish eligibility for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB); and also reflect statutory provisions concerning the approval of courses leading to alternative teacher certification. This document also would make changes for the purpose of clarification.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of

Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AI63." All written comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William G. Susling, Jr., Education Advisor, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 202-273-7187.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document proposes to amend subparts D, G, K, and L of 38 CFR part 21, which concern educational assistance under various educational programs administered by VA. The proposed amendments would implement provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Pub. L. 104-201) and various provisions of the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-275).

Formerly, officers could not participate in the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB) if they were commissioned after December 31, 1976, under a program of educational assistance under 10 U.S.C. 2107 (Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (SROTC) Scholarship Program). A provision of Pub. L. 104-201 states that this restriction no longer applies to an individual who enters active duty after September 30, 1996, and received no more than \$2,000 for each year of participation in the SROTC program of educational assistance. The regulations governing eligibility for the MGIB would be revised to reflect the new statutory provision.

Individuals who entered active duty during the period from January 1, 1977, through June 30, 1985, were given the opportunity to participate in the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). Provisions of Pub. L. 104-275 permitted certain VEAP participants on active duty to elect to participate in the MGIB instead. The military pay of an individual who made the election will be reduced by \$1,200, or, if not so reduced, VA will collect the amount from the individual. The regulations governing eligibility for the MGIB would be revised to reflect the new statutory provisions, including our view that the applicable statutory provisions require that an individual who made an election to participate in