

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
July 31, 1997	May 3, 1999	Code of Virginia at § 45.1-241(C) concerning letter of credit.

3. Section 946.16 is amended by amending paragraph (a) to read as follows:

Section 946.16 Required regulatory program amendments.

(a) By July 2, 1999, Virginia must submit either a proposed amendment or a description of an amendment to be proposed, together with a timetable for adoption, to revise the Virginia program regulations, or otherwise amend the Virginia program, to be no less effective than the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 800.5(b), and 30 CFR 800.21(b)(2) concerning letters of credit.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD01-99-031]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Hutchinson River, NY**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The District Commander, First Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the Drawbridge Operation Regulations governing the operation of the Pelham Parkway Bridge, mile 0.4, across the Hutchinson River in New York City, New York. This deviation from the regulations authorizes the bridge owner, the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), to not open the bridge for vessel traffic from March 28, 1999 through May 22, 1999, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., daily. This action is necessary to facilitate needed repairs to the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from March 28, 1999 through May 22, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Schmied, Bridge Management Specialist, at (212) 668-7195.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pelham Parkway Bridge, mile 0.4, across the Hutchinson River has a vertical

clearance of 13 feet at mean high water and 20 feet at mean low water in the closed position. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times.

The NYCDOT requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations for the Pelham Parkway Bridge in order to facilitate necessary repairs to the bridge. This work is essential for public safety and continued operation of the bridge.

This deviation from the normal operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR § 117.35.

Dated: April 15, 1999.

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

**46 CFR Parts 500, 501, 503, 504, 506, 507, 508, 540 and 582**

[Docket No. 99-09]

**Amendments to Regulations Governing Employee Ethical Conduct Standards, the Federal Maritime Commission—General, Public Information, Environmental Policy Analysis, Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustments, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap, Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility, and Certification of Policies and Efforts To Combat Rebating**

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Maritime Commission is amending its regulations relating to agency organization, public information, procedures for environmental policy analysis, civil monetary penalty inflation adjustments, nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap, passenger vessel operations, and anti-rebating certifications, and is redesignating its regulation relating to employee ethical conduct standards, in order to incorporate certain amendments made by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 as well as to clarify and reorganize existing regulations.

**DATES:** This rule is effective May 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Panebianco, General Counsel, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573-0001, (202) 523-5740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 ("OSRA"), Public Law 105-258, 112 Stat. 1902, amends the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act") in several areas. The Commission's rules at 46 CFR Parts 500, 501, 503, 504, 506, and 507 address employee ethical conduct standards, the organization of the Commission, public information, environmental policy analysis, civil monetary inflation adjustment, and nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap. The Commission's rules at 46 CFR Part 540 address passenger vessel financial responsibility, and the rules at 46 CFR Part 582 address anti-rebating certifications. The Commission now amends these rules both to make certain changes required by OSRA and to update, redesignate, and clarify the rules more generally. Because the changes made in this proceeding are routine and ministerial in nature, this rulemaking is published as a final rulemaking as to which no notice and comment period is necessary.

**Redesignation of Former 46 CFR Part 500**

The Commission's regulations at 46 CFR part 500 address employee ethical conduct standards. The rule redesignates former part 500 as part 508.

**Amendments to 46 CFR Part 501**

OSRA amended Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, 75 Stat. 840, to change the Commission's quorum requirements. Accordingly, the Commission has determined to amend 46 CFR 501.2(d) to track the new statutory language.

**Amendments to 46 CFR Part 503**

The Commission's regulations at 46 CFR part 503 address access to public information. OSRA's elimination of tariff filing with the Commission has rendered unnecessary those portions of 46 CFR 514 relating to fees for the provision of copies of tariffs. See 46 CFR 514.21. While tariffs will no longer be filed with the Commission, the