

limitations specified in the FAA-approved MMEL, provided that only one Mode "C" transponder on the airplane is inoperative.

Reporting Requirement

(c) Within 20 days after accomplishing the initial and repetitive tests required by paragraph (a) of this AD, submit a report of the inspection and test results (both positive and negative findings) to: Peter Skaves, Aerospace Engineer, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; fax (425) 227-1320. The test results must include the Mode "C" transponder(s) and ADC part number(s), and must specify if any discrepancies of the Gillham wiring connections were detected, and if corrective action was required. Information collection requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and have been assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance or Avionics Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ANM-111.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Manager, ANM-111.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(f) The effective date of this amendment remains November 29, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 95-054]

RIN 2115-AF17

Regattas and Marine Parades

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Interim rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is delaying indefinitely the effective date of the interim rule on regatta and marine parades published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1996. The interim rule more precisely identifies those marine events that require a permit, those that require only written notice to the Coast Guard, and those that require neither. Delay of the effective date is necessary to allow additional time to complete the consultation with the Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries and the environmental documentation.

DATES: The interim rule published on June 26, 1996, (61 FR 33027) and delayed by documents published on November 26, 1996, (61 FR 60027); December 29, 1997, (62 FR 67570); and December 30, 1998, (63 FR 71753) is delayed indefinitely.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this action, contact Carlton Perry, Project Manager, Office of Boating Safety, Program Management Division, by telephone at 202-267-0979 or by e-mail at cperry@comdt.uscg.mil.

You may obtain a copy of the interim rule and subsequent notices by calling the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline, 1-800-368-5647; by e-mail at uscginfoline@tiscom.uscg.mil; or by Internet at the Web Site for the Office of Boating Safety, <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 1996, the Coast Guard published an interim rule and notice of availability of environmental assessment (CGD 95-054) entitled "Regattas and Marine Parades" in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 33027). The interim rule revised the Coast Guard's marine event regulations to eliminate unnecessary requirements while continuing to protect the safety of life. The rule more precisely identified those events that require a permit, those that require only written notice to the Coast Guard, and those that require neither. The environmental assessment and proposed finding of no significant impact that support this rulemaking were made available to the public.

Approximately 85 comments were received in response to the interim rule and notice of availability of the environmental assessment and to the Coast Guard's previous requests for comments. Many of these comments raised concerns regarding the reporting requirements placed on the marine event sponsors and the potential environmental effects associated with changing the current regulations on

regatta and marine parade permitting procedures. In addition, several comments received in response to a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) entitled "U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Protected Living Marine Resources Initiative" reiterated concerns raised by the comments on the interim rule. Based on these comments and on the concerns raised during the ongoing consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the Coast Guard delayed the effective date of the interim rule. Because the Coast Guard has not yet completed its consultation with the FWS and NMFS or the required environmental documentation, the Coast Guard is delaying the effective date.

Accordingly, in FR Document 96-16319 published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1996, at 61 FR 33027, and as amended by notices of delay of effective date published on November 26, 1996, at 61 FR 60027; December 29, 1997, at 62 FR 67570; and December 30, 1998, at 63 FR 71753, the effective date for the referenced interim rule is delayed indefinitely.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Operations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-300950; FRL-6391-8]

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Metsulfuron methyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation establishes time-limited tolerances for the combined residues of metsulfuron methyl and its 4-hydroxy metabolite (methyl 2-[[[4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]-4-hydroxybenzoate) in or on sorghum grain, sorghum forage, and sorghum fodder. This action is in response to EPA's granting of an emergency exemption under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act authorizing the use of the pesticide on sorghum. This