

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Section 2.B.2., Figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations have been found not to have a significant effect on the environment. A written "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is not required.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons set out 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. Revise § 117.897(a)(1), introductory text, to read as follows:

§ 117.897 Willamette River.

(a) * * *

(1) The draws shall open on signal except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday the draws of the Broadway, Steel (upper deck only), Burnside, Morrison, and Hawthorne Bridges need not open for the passage of vessels. These closed periods are not effective on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. At least one hour's notice shall be given for openings of the Steel Bridge (upper deck only), Burnside Bridge and Morrison Bridge, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times at least two hours notice shall be given. Notice shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the Broadway Bridge for vessels bound upstream and to the drawtender at the Hawthorne Bridge for vessels bound downstream. During Rose Festival Week

or when the water elevation reaches and remains above +12 feet, the draws will open on signal without advance notice, except during the normal closed periods identified in this paragraph (a)(1).

Opening signals are as follows:

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Dated: December 21, 1999.

Paul M. Blayney,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Chelsea River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts. This deviation from the regulations allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given. This action is necessary to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during emergency repairs to the electrical system at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective January 6, 2000, through March 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance of 21 feet at mean high water, and 30 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.593 require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, the City of Boston, requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during electrical repairs at the bridge. The submarine electrical cable for the bridge

was damaged during harbor dredging operations requiring emergency repairs to be implemented in order to restore bridge operation and facilitate marine traffic.

A temporary auxiliary operating system has been installed to open the bridge; however, it operates very slowly. Bridge openings may exceed an hour and a half which will create significant traffic delays until the bridge repairs are completed. This deviation is expected to help facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the week day rush hour periods.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the City of Boston to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Robert F. Duncan,

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

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 301-51

[FTR Interim Rule 8]

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Federal Travel Regulation; Mandatory Use of the Travel Charge Card; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Interim rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes corrections to FTR Interim Rule 8 appearing in the **Federal Register** of Friday, July 16, 1999 (64 FR 38528), which amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) provisions pertaining to payment by the Government of expenses connected with official Government travel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Harte, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division, telephone (202) 501-1538.