

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This final rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This final rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This final rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this final rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This final 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

We considered the environmental impact of this final rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this final rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. This final rule will change an existing special drawbridge operating regulation promulgated by a Coast Guard Bridge Administration Program action. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, 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, 105 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.491(a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.491 Red River.

(a) The draw of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge, mile 90.1, at Alexandria, shall open on signal if at least eight hours notice is given.

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Dated: August 15, 2000.

K. J. Eldridge,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Acting.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Tickfaw River, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is removing the operating regulation for the State Route 22 swing bridge across the Tickfaw River, mile 7.2, at Killian, Louisiana. A new State Route 22 fixed bridge has opened and the swing bridge has been removed from the waterway.

The regulation governing the swing bridge operation is no longer needed.

DATES: This regulation becomes effective on August 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, room 1313, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130–3396 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589–2965. Commander (ob) maintains the public docket for this rulemaking.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone number 504–589–2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A new State Route 22 fixed bridge across the Tickfaw River, mile 7.2, at Killian, Louisiana, was opened to traffic in March of 2000. The old State Route 22 swing bridge across the Tickfaw River, mile 7.2, was removed. The elimination of this drawbridge necessitates the removal of the drawbridge operation regulation that pertained to this draw. This rule removes the regulation for this bridge in § 117.506.

The Coast Guard has determined that good cause exists under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) to forego notice and comment for this rulemaking because removing the bridge makes the need for the regulation unnecessary. The Coast Guard has also determined that good cause exists for the rule to become effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** as the bridge was removed in April, 2000.

Regulatory Evaluation

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this final rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers whether this final rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. “Small entities” include (1) small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

This rule will have no impact on either vehicular or navigational traffic because the regulation being removed applies to a bridge that has been removed. Because it will have no impact, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that it will not have any economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This final rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.).

Federalism

We have analyzed this final rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this final rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

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§ 117.506 [Removed]

2. Section 117.506 is removed.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Priority Mail Global Guaranteed

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Amendment to interim rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending the interim rule on Priority Mail Global Guaranteed service to change rates for this service, add additional acceptance offices, introduce optional document reconstruction insurance coverage up to \$2,499, and provide service to China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2000. Comments on the amendment to the interim rule must be received on or before September 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to E/PS, Business Initiatives, 200 E. Mansell Ct., Suite 300, Roswell, GA 30076–9700. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in Business Initiatives, 200 E. Mansell Ct., Suite 300, Roswell, GA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malcolm Hunt, (770) 360–1104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 19, 1999, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 19039–19042) the introduction of Priority Mail Global Guaranteed on an interim basis.

The Postal Service, through an alliance with DHL Worldwide Express Inc., is offering an enhanced expedited service, Priority Mail Global Guaranteed, from selected locations in the United States to most countries. This service offers day-certain delivery with postage refund guarantee and document reconstruction coverage of \$100 for allowable contents.

On November 4, 1999, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 60106–60109) an amendment to the interim rule to add more U.S. acceptance locations and to extend the service to more destination countries. On May 26, 2000, the Postal Service again amended the interim rule in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 34096–34101) to change rates for Priority Mail Global Guaranteed service and to provide service to most countries. Public comments were requested by June 26, 2000, and by that date one comment was received. The comment related to the way in which the Postal Service categorized the U.S. acceptance offices and how the acceptance offices were selected.

The acceptance offices are selected on their ability to meet the stringent service standards for this service based on local considerations such as timely transportation, mail processing capabilities, and access to national transportation. Most decisions are made by local postal officials and are based on local conditions and the ability to have reasonable acceptance times. The Postal Service will continue to evaluate the acceptance network and expand it when service can be reasonably provided.

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The rates have been refined to have separate rates for all rates groups. In addition, a number of destinations are assigned to different rates groups. The redesigned rate schedule better reflects the cost of providing the service.

Service is also being added to China. It should be noted that due to circumstances beyond the control of the Postal Service, service to Brazil has been temporarily suspended. Service will be available to all country destinations listed in the International Mail Manual (IMM) except Afghanistan, Ascension, Brazil, Iraq, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North), Libya, Pitcairn Island, Saint Helena, Sudan, and Tristan de Cunha.