

**Paperwork Reduction Act:**

This rule will not affect paperwork requirements.

**List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41**

Aliens, Nonimmigrants, Passports and visas.

In view of the foregoing, 22 CFR Part 41 is amended as follows:

**PART 41—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 41 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1104.

2. 41.107(c)(1) is revised to read as follows:

**41.107 Visa Fees**

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(1) Upon a basis of reciprocity, or as provided in section 13(a) of the Headquarters Agreement with the United Nations (61 Stat. 716; 22 U.S.C. 287, Note), no fee shall be collected for the application for or issuance of a nonimmigrant visa to an alien who is within a class of nonimmigrants classifiable under the visa symbols A, G, C-2, C-3, or NATO, or B-1 issued for participation in an official observer mission to the United Nations, or who is issued a diplomatic visa as defined in § 41.26.

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Dated: August 4, 2000.

**Mary A. Ryan,**

*Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs,  
Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

**CGD 08-00-014**

**RIN 2115-AE47**

**Drawbridge Operation Regulation;  
Upper Mississippi River**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District is temporarily changing the regulation governing the Rock Island Railroad & Highway Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River at Mile 482.9, at Rock Island, Illinois. The Drawbridge need not open for river traffic and may remain in the closed-to-navigation

position from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000. This temporary rule is issued to allow the scheduled running of a foot race as part of a local community event.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 7:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on September 24, 2000 to 11:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on September 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD 08-00-014 and are available for inspection or copying at room 2.107f in the Robert A. Young Federal Building at Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulatory Information**

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. This rule is being promulgated without an NPRM due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the U.S. Army and the date of the event.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. This rule should be made effective in less than 30 days due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the U.S. Army and the date of the event.

**Background and Purpose**

On May 30, 2000, the Department of Army Rock Island Arsenal requested a temporary change to the operation of the Rock Island Railroad & Highway Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River, Mile 482.9 at Rock Island, Illinois. The Rock Island Railroad Drawbridge navigation span has a vertical clearance of 23.8 feet above normal pool in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. Presently, the draw opens on signal for passage of river traffic. The Rock Island Arsenal requested the drawbridge be permitted to remain closed-to-navigation from 7:30 a.m.

until 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000. During this time a foot race will cross the bridge. This temporary drawbridge operation regulation has been coordinated with the commercial waterway operators. No objections to the proposed temporary rule were raised.

**Regulatory Evaluation**

This 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. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it 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 temporary rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This is because river traffic is not likely to be delayed more than 4 hours.

**Small Entities**

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

This rule will be in effect for only 4 hours early in the day and the Coast Guard expects the impact of this action to be minimal. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**Assistance for Small Entities**

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we offer to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. Any individual that qualifies or, believes he or she qualifies as a small entity and requires assistance with the provisions of this rule, may contact Mr. Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

#### Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

#### Federalism

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

#### 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 unfunded mandate costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

#### Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under E.O. 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

#### Civil Justice Reform

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

#### 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 figure 2-1, paragraph (32), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. Promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations has been found not to have significant effect on the human environment. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

#### PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation of part 117 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. Sec. 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. Effective 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000, § 117.T394 is added to read as follows:

#### § 117.T394 Upper Mississippi River. Rock Island Railroad and Highway Drawbridge, Mile 482.9, Upper Mississippi River.

From 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000, the drawspan need not open for river traffic and may be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position.

Dated: July 29, 2000.

**Paul J. Pluta,**

*Rear Admiral, USCG, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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#### POSTAL SERVICE

#### 39 CFR Part 111

#### NetPost Mailing Online Experiment: Changes in Domestic Classifications and Fees

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule sets forth the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) standards adopted by the Postal Service to conduct the NetPost Mailing Online experiment pursuant to the favorable Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Opinion and Recommended Decision of the Postal Rate Commission (PRC) on an Experimental Classification and Fee

Schedule for Mailing Online (Docket No. MC2000-2). The experiment will begin September 1, 2000, and will be conducted for approximately three years. The Postal Service anticipates that by offering nationwide service on the Internet it will gain both valuable operational expertise and data that are necessary for a successful future filing of a request for permanent NetPost Mailing Online (formerly called Mailing Online) service. Customers will be able to use NetPost Mailing Online to prepare and transmit messages in electronic form using a personal computer and a Web browser for printing in hardcopy form and subsequent entry into the mailstream. As the service matures, hardcopy mail will be entered at a postal facility near one of a group of approximately 25 print sites that is located closest to the mail's delivery address. Individuals, small businesses, home offices, and charitable organizations are expected to make up the main customer base.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Lettmann, (202) 268-6261; or Kenneth N. Hollies, (202) 268-3083.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NetPost Mailing Online experiment is the third of an expected four-step process that will culminate in the establishment of a permanent NetPost Mailing Online service. The Postal Service first conducted an operations test from March through September 1998, with a few customers. That was followed by a one-year market test with limited customer participation conducted from October 1998 through October 1999, pursuant to the Postal Rate Commission's Docket No. MC98-1 Opinion and Recommended Decision issued on October 7, 1998, and approved by the Postal Service Governors on October 16, 1998. In that docket, the Postal Service also requested authorization to conduct an experiment, which request was later withdrawn by Board of Governors Resolution No. 99-5 (May 3, 1999).

On November 16, 1999, the Postal Service filed a new Request for a Recommended Decision on an Experimental Classification and Fee Schedule for Mailing Online based on an upgraded information technology platform. The PRC designated this request as Docket No. MC2000-2 and published a notice with a description of the Postal Service's proposals in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 1999 (64 FR 66514). The PRC issued a favorable Opinion and Recommended Decision (Docket No. MC2000-2) dated June 21, 2000.