

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

#### 2001-05-09 Bell Helicopter Textron

**Canada:** Amendment 39-12146. Docket No. 2000-SW-22-AD.

**Applicability:** Model 430 helicopters, serial numbers 49002, 49004 through 49006, 49008 through 49016, 49018 through 49025, and 49027 through 49036, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each helicopter identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For helicopters that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (b) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

**Compliance:** Required at the next 600-hour inspection or before further flight after May 1, 2001, whichever occurs first, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent loss of electrical power and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Modify the electrical system in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraphs 1 through 6, of Bell Helicopter Textron Alert Service Bulletin No. 430-99-10, dated December 16, 1999.

(b) 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, Regulations Group, Rotorcraft Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Regulations Group.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Regulations Group.

(c) 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 helicopter to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(d) The modification shall be done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraphs 1 through 6, of Bell Helicopter Textron Alert Service Bulletin No. 430-99-10, dated December 16, 1999. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., P.O. Box 482, Fort Worth, Texas 76101, telephone (817) 280-3391, fax (817) 280-6466. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(e) This amendment becomes effective on April 24, 2001.

**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in Transport Canada, Canada, AD CF-2000-08, dated March 21, 2000.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on March 5, 2001.

**Eric Bries,**

*Acting Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Southeast Alaska; 01-002]

RIN 2115-AA97

#### Safety Zone; Crescent Harbor, Sitka, AK

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has received an application to remove the annual 4th of July Safety Zone in Sitka, AK. The current Safety Zone in 33 CFR 165.1707, an established 100 yd radius safety zone along the navigable waters of Crescent Harbor, Sitka, Alaska is no longer necessary as this location is no longer utilized for conducting fireworks displays. This action will remove the annual 4th of July safety zone in 33 CFR 165.1707. The Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Sitka has monitored the 4th of July maritime vessel traffic for the last two years, and has determined that a safety zone is no longer required.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective April 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents as indicated in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Detachment Sitka, 329 Harbor Drive, Room 202, Sitka, Alaska between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (907) 966-5454.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief Warrant Officer Don Pack, Supervisor, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Sitka, (907) 966-5454.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulatory History

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. The 4th of July fireworks display is no longer being conducted in Crescent Harbor. The fireworks displays are conducted from a ramp on the Northeast shoreline on Japonski Island, which offer a better spectator view with less maritime vessel traffic. Because the Safety Zone was originally created to protect vessels and persons from the specific harm of the fireworks display that was launched in Crescent Harbor from a barge, the cessation of that display makes it unnecessary to continue the Safety Zone. For this reason, comment on the removal of the Safety Zone is unnecessary, as well as impracticable.

##### Background and Purpose

Each year on or about the 3rd of July, fireworks display activities are conducted over the navigable waters of Sitka Channel, Sitka, AK. In previous years, this display was launched from a barge, which was located in Crescent Harbor, Sitka, Alaska. The sponsor has requested to change this location and will now conduct this 1-hour activity on

the shoreline ramp on the northeast side of Japonski Island, Sitka, AK.

This final rule will remove the annual safety zone in Crescent Harbor associated with the fireworks display, as it is no longer necessary. The sponsor now uses a shoreline ramp on the northeast side of Japonski Island, thus greatly reducing the hazard to vessels and individuals located in the area previously designated as a safety zone.

#### Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of the Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under sections 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 proposal 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 lifting the safety zone will allow greater access and mobility to vessels located within Crescent Harbor.

#### Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we considered whether this rule will 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 less than 50,000. Because the effects of this rule are positive, by allowing greater access and mobility to vessels within Crescent Harbor, 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 (Public Law 104–121), we offer to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. If your small business or organization is affected by this rule and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the office listed in **ADDRESSES** in this preamble.

#### 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.

#### Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule will not have tribal implications; will not impose substantial direct compliance costs on Indian tribal governments; and will not preempt tribal law. Therefore, it is exempt from the consultation requirements of Executive Order 13175. If tribal implications are identified during the comment period we will undertake appropriate consultations with the affected Indian tribal officials.

#### Taking of Private Property

This rule will 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 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 rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create 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 (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

#### 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.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

#### PART 165

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

#### § 165.1707 [Removed]

2. Remove § 165.1707.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

**R.C. Lorigan,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Southeast Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 187

[USCG–1999–6420]

RIN 2115–AD35

#### Vessel Identification System

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is amending its regulations on the voluntary Vessel Identification System (VIS). VIS is a nationwide system for collecting information on vessels and vessel ownership to help identify and recover stolen vessels, deter vessel theft, and assist in deterring and discovering security-interest and insurance fraud. These amendments concern the requirements for States electing to participate in VIS. The changes improve the integrity and uniformity of the system and reflect recent statutory changes.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective April 19, 2001.