

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805.

3. In § 602.101, paragraph (b) is amended by adding entries in numerical order to the table as follows:

§ 602.101 OMB control numbers.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD01-03-010]

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Safety and Security Zones; New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone.

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing temporary safety and security zones in portions of the waters around La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports in Queens, NY, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) ammunition depot on Rodman Neck in Eastchester Bay, and the Port Newark and Port Elizabeth, NJ, commercial shipping facilities in Newark Bay. This action is necessary to safeguard critical port infrastructure and coastal facilities from sabotage, subversive acts, or other threats. The zones will prohibit entry into or movement within these areas without authorization from the Captain of the Port New York.

DATES: This rule is effective from February 4, 2003 until September 1, 2003. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket (CGD01-03-010) and are available for inspection or copying at room 204, Coast Guard Activities New York, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander W. Morton, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York at (718) 354-4012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD01-03-010), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this temporary rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to Activities New York Waterways Oversight Branch at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. The Captain of the Port conducts an ongoing assessment of the maritime domain security needs within the port and has determined that the temporary safety and security zones established by this rule are necessary to provide for the protection of critical port infrastructure and coastal facilities. This determination was reached after due consideration of various warnings publicly disseminated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement agencies, threatening

statements attributed to the al Qaeda organization, terrorist attacks upon civil aviation in Kenya, Africa, and requests received from the police departments of New York City and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In view of the urgent need to adequately safeguard critical coastal facilities and infrastructure from potential terrorist attack, any delay encountered by normal notice and comment rulemaking procedures would be contrary to the public interest.

For the same reasons, the Coast Guard further finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

Background and Purpose

On September 11, 2001 three commercial aircraft were hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center in New York City, and the Pentagon, inflicting catastrophic human casualties and property damage. National security and intelligence officials warn that future terrorist attacks are likely. The President has continued the national emergencies he declared following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. *See, Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks*, 67 FR 58317 (September 13, 2002); *Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect To Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, Or Support Terrorism*, 67 FR 59447 (September 20, 2002). The President also has found pursuant to law, including the Magnuson Act (50 U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*), that the security of the United States is endangered by disturbances in international relations of United States that have existed since the terrorist attacks on the United States and such disturbances continue to endanger such relations. *Executive Order 13273 of August 21, 2002, Further Amending Executive Order 10173, as Amended, Prescribing Regulations Relating to the Safeguarding of Vessels, Harbors, Ports, and Waterfront Facilities of the United States*, 67 FR 56215 (September 3, 2002).

Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued several warnings concerning the potential for additional attacks within the United States. In addition, the ongoing hostilities in Afghanistan and growing tensions within Iraq have made it prudent for U.S. ports and properties of national significance to be on a higher state of alert because the al Qaeda organization and other similar organizations have declared an ongoing

intention to conduct armed attacks on U.S. interests worldwide.

The Captain of the Port New York recently established six new safety and security zones throughout the New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone. (68 FR 2890, January 22, 2003). Subsequently, the Captain of the Port has determined that the safety and security zones established by this rule are urgently required to meet critical maritime domain security needs that were not addressed by the earlier rule. The Captain of the Port will consider any public comments submitted with respect to the temporary zones established in this rule before commencing notice and comment rulemaking to develop any permanent successor rule that may be required to meet the security needs of the port.

The Coast Guard is establishing temporary safety and security zones around La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports, the New York City Police Department ammunition depot, and the Port Newark/Port Elizabeth commercial shipping facilities. These safety and security zones are necessary to provide for the safety of the port and to ensure that vessels, facilities, airports, or ammunition depots, are not used as targets of, or platforms for, terrorist attacks. These zones would restrict entry into or movement within portions of the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones.

Discussion of Temporary Rule

This rule establishes the following temporary safety and security zones:

La Guardia Airport, Bowery and Flushing Bays, Queens, NY.

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety and security zone in all waters of Bowery and Flushing Bays within approximately 200 yards of La Guardia Airport bound by the following points: Onshore at Steinway, Queens in approximate position 40°46'32.1" N, 073°53'22.4" W, thence to 40°46'52.8" N, 073°53'09.3" W, thence to 40°46'54.8" N, 073°52'54.2" W, thence to 40°46'59.3" N, 073°52'51.3" W, thence to 40°47'11.8" N, 073°53'17.3" W, thence to 40°47'13.0" N, 073°53'16.1" W on Rikers Island, thence easterly along the Rikers Island shoreline to approximate position 40°47'12.9" N, 073°52'17.9" W, thence to 40°47'16.7" N, 073°52'09.2" W, thence to 40°47'36.1" N, 073°51'52.5" W, thence to 40°47'35.1" N, 073°51'50.5" W, thence to 40°47'15.9" N, 073°52'06.4" W, thence to 40°47'14.5" N, 073°52'03.1" W, thence to 40°47'10.6" N, 073°52'06.7" W, thence to 40°47'01.9" N, 073°52'02.4" W, thence to 40°46'50.4" N, 073°52'08.1" W, thence to 40°46'26.8" N, 073°51'18.5" W, thence to 40°45'57.2" N, 073°51'01.8" W, thence to

40°45'51.2" N, 073°50'59.6" W, thence to 40°45'49.5" N, 073°51'07.2" W, thence to 40°45'58.8" N, 073°51'13.2" W, thence to 40°46'02.3" N, 073°51'20.1" W, thence to 40°45'48.4" N, 073°51'37.0" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

Within the boundaries of the above-described zone, the Coast Guard is establishing another temporary safety and security zone in all waters of Bowery and Flushing Bays within approximately 100 yards of La Guardia Airport bound by the following points: Onshore at Steinway, Queens in approximate position 40°46'32.1" N, 073°53'22.4" W, thence to 40°46'50.6" N, 073°53'07.3" W, thence to 40°46'53.0" N, 073°52'50.9" W, thence to 40°46'57.6" N, 073°52'47.9" W, thence to 40°47'11.8" N, 073°53'17.3" W, thence to 40°47'13.0" N, 073°53'16.1" W on Rikers Island, thence easterly along the Rikers Island shoreline to approximate position 40°47'12.9" N, 073°52'17.9" W, thence to 40°47'16.7" N, 073°52'09.2" W, thence to 40°47'36.1" N, 073°51'52.5" W, thence to 40°47'35.1" N, 073°51'50.5" W, thence to 40°47'15.9" N, 073°52'06.4" W, thence to 40°47'14.5" N, 073°52'03.1" W, thence to 40°47'07.9" N, 073°52'09.2" W, thence to 40°47'01.4" N, 073°52'06.1" W, thence to 40°46'50.0" N, 073°52'14.6" W, thence to 40°46'22.2" N, 073°51'16.0" W, thence to 40°45'57.2" N, 073°51'01.8" W, thence to 40°45'52.4" N, 073°51'00.2" W, thence to 40°45'50.6" N, 073°51'07.9" W, thence to 40°45'58.8" N, 073°51'13.2" W, thence to 40°46'04.0" N, 073°51'23.3" W, thence to 40°45'51.2" N, 073°51'38.8" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the 200-yard zone that lies outside of the waters described in the 100-yard zone. Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of the two zones will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>. This regulatory framework provides the Captain of the Port with the tools to safeguard airport property and equipment and the flexibility to accommodate local mariners to the maximum extent permissible under the circumstances then existing.

John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport, Jamaica Bay, Queens, NY

The Coast Guard is establishing four temporary safety and security zones in all waters near JFK Airport bound by the following points:

First, all waters of Bergen Basin north of 40°39'26.4" N.

Second, all waters of Thurston Basin north of 40°38'21.2" N.

Third, all waters of Jamaica Bay within approximately 200 yards of John F. Kennedy Airport bound by the following points: Onshore east of Bergen Basin, Queens in approximate position 40°38'49.0" N, 073°49'09.1" W, thence to 40°38'42.5" N, 073°49'13.2" W, thence to 40°38'00.6" N, 073°47'35.1" W, thence to 40°37'52.3" N, 073°47'55.0" W, thence to 40°37'50.3" N, 073°47'53.5" W, thence to 40°37'59.4" N, 073°47'32.6" W, thence to 40°37'46.1" N, 073°47'07.2" W, thence to 40°37'19.5" N, 073°47'30.4" W, thence to 40°37'05.5" N, 073°47'03.0" W, thence to 40°37'34.7" N, 073°46'40.6" W, thence to 40°37'20.5" N, 073°46'23.5" W, thence to 40°37'05.7" N, 073°46'34.9" W, thence to 40°36'54.8" N, 073°46'26.7" W, thence to 40°37'14.1" N, 073°46'10.8" W, thence to 40°37'36.9" N, 073°45'52.8" W, thence to 40°38'00.8" N, 073°44'54.9" W, thence to 40°38'05.1" N, 073°45'00.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

Fourth, within the boundaries of the above-described 200 yard zone, all waters of Jamaica Bay within approximately 100 yards of John F. Kennedy Airport bound by the following points: Onshore east of Bergen Basin, Queens in approximate position 40°38'49.0" N, 073°49'09.1" W, thence to 40°38'45.1" N, 073°49'11.6" W, thence to 40°38'02.0" N, 073°47'31.8" W, thence to 40°37'52.3" N, 073°47'55.0" W, thence to 40°37'50.3" N, 073°47'53.5" W, thence to 40°38'00.8" N, 073°47'29.4" W, thence to 40°37'47.4" N, 073°47'02.4" W, thence to 40°37'19.9" N, 073°47'25.0" W, thence to 40°37'10.0" N, 073°47'03.7" W, thence to 40°37'37.7" N, 073°46'41.2" W, thence to 40°37'22.6" N, 073°46'21.9" W, thence to 40°37'05.7" N, 073°46'34.9" W, thence to 40°36'54.8" N, 073°46'26.7" W, thence to 40°37'14.1" N, 073°46'10.8" W, thence to 40°37'40.0" N, 073°45'55.6" W, thence to 40°38'02.8" N, 073°44'57.5" W, thence to 40°38'05.1" N, 073°45'00.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the 200-yard zone in Jamaica Bay that lies outside of the waters described in the 100-yard zone. Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of those two zones will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>. This regulatory framework provides the Captain of the Port with both the authority to safeguard airport property

and equipment and the flexibility to accommodate local mariners to the maximum extent permissible under the circumstances then existing.

NYPD Ammunition Depot, Rodman Neck, Eastchester Bay, NY

The Coast Guard is establishing two temporary safety and security zones in all waters of Eastchester Bay near the NYPD Ammunition Depot bound by the following points:

First, all waters of Eastchester Bay within approximately 150 yards of Rodman Neck bound by the following points: Onshore in approximate position 40°51'30.4" N, 073°48'14.9" W, thence to 40°51'29.9" N, 073°48'20.7" W, thence to 40°51'16.9" N, 073°48'22.5" W, thence to 40°51'07.5" N, 073°48'18.7" W, thence to 40°50'54.2" N, 073°48'11.1" W, thence to 40°50'48.5" N, 073°48'04.6" W, thence to 40°50'49.2" N, 073°47'56.5" W, thence to 40°51'03.6" N, 073°47'47.3" W, thence to 40°51'15.7" N, 073°47'46.8" W, thence to 40°51'23.5" N, 073°47'41.9" W, (NAD 1983) thence southwesterly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

Second, within the boundaries of the above-described 150-yard zone, all waters of Eastchester Bay within approximately 100 yards of Rodman Neck bound by the following points: Onshore in approximate position 40°51'30.4" N, 073°48'14.9" W, thence to 40°51'30.1" N, 073°48'19.0" W, thence to 40°51'16.8" N, 073°48'20.5" W, thence to 40°51'07.9" N, 073°48'16.8" W, thence to 40°50'54.9" N, 073°48'09.0" W, thence to 40°50'49.7" N, 073°48'03.6" W, thence to 40°50'50.1" N, 073°47'57.9" W, thence to 40°51'04.6" N, 073°47'48.9" W, thence to 40°51'15.9" N, 073°47'48.4" W, thence to 40°51'23.5" N, 073°47'41.9" W, (NAD 1983) thence southwesterly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the 150-yard zone that lies outside of the waters described in the 100-yard zone. Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of the two zones will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>. This regulatory framework provides the Captain of the Port with the tools to safeguard Police Department property and equipment and the flexibility to accommodate local mariners to the maximum extent permissible under the circumstances then existing.

Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay, NJ

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety and security zone that includes all waters of Newark Bay bound by the following points: 40°41'49.9" N, 074°07'32.2" W, thence to 40°41'46.5" N, 074°07'20.4" W, thence to 40°41'10.7" N, 074°07'45.9" W, thence to 40°40'54.3" N, 074°07'55.7" W, thence to 40°40'36.2" N, 074°08'03.8" W, thence to 40°40'29.1" N, 074°08'06.3" W, thence to 40°40'21.9" N, 074°08'10.0" W, thence to 40°39'27.9" N, 074°08'43.6" W, thence to 40°39'21.5" N, 074°08'50.1" W, thence to 40°39'21.5" N, 074°09'54.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence northerly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

The zones described above are necessary to protect the La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports, NYPD ammunition depot, and the Port Newark/Port Elizabeth commercial shipping facilities, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the airports, ammunition depot, and commercial shipping facilities that could potentially cause serious negative impact to vessels, the port, commercial ground shipments by vehicle or rail, airline traffic, or the environment and result in numerous casualties. The Captain of the Port does not expect this rule to interfere with the transit of any vessels through the waterways adjacent to each facility. Vessels will still be able to transit around the safety and security zones at all times. Additionally, vessels will not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zones.

Any violation of any safety or security zone herein is punishable by, among others, civil penalties (not to exceed \$27,500 per violation, where each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation), criminal penalties (imprisonment for not more than 10 years and a fine of not more than \$100,000), in rem liability against the offending vessel, and license sanctions. This regulation is established under the authority contained in 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 U.S.C. 1223, 1225 and 1226.

No person or vessel may enter or remain in a prescribed safety or security zone at any time without the permission of the Captain of the Port, New York. Each person or vessel in a safety or security zone shall obey any direction or order of the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port may take possession and control of any vessel in a security zone and/or remove any person, vessel, article or thing from a security zone.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, 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).

We expect the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This finding is based on the fact that: The zones are temporary in nature; the zones implicate relatively small portions of the waterway; vessels will be able to transit around the safety and security zones at all times; commercial vessels visiting Port Newark/Port Elizabeth are already subject to control of the Vessel Traffic Service and previously established safety and security zones while recreational and fishing vessels are unlikely to operate within that area; and the Captain of the Port will relax the enforcement of the 200-yard zones around airport facilities and the 150-yard zone around the NYPD ammunition depot whenever he determines that the security environment existing within the port allows him to do so.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we have 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.

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. This rule will affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones in which entry will be prohibited by safety or security zones.

These safety and security zones will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: The zones are

temporary in nature; the zones implicate relatively small portions of the waterway; vessels will be able to transit around the safety and security zones at all times; commercial vessels visiting Port Newark/Port Elizabeth are already subject to control of the Vessel Traffic Service and previously established safety and security zones while recreational and fishing vessels are unlikely to operate within that area; and the Captain of the Port will relax the enforcement of the 200-yard zones around airport facilities and the 150-yard zone around the NYPD ammunition depot when he determines that the security environment existing within the port allows him to do so.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this temporary rule so that we can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Lieutenant Commander W. Morton, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York at (718) 354–4012.

Collection of Information

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

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this temporary rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In

particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this temporary rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This temporary rule will not affect 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 temporary 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 temporary rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This temporary rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This temporary rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this temporary rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it

does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this temporary rule and concluded that under figure 2–1, paragraph 34(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. This rule fits paragraph 34(g) as it establishes safety and security zones. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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.

2. From February 4, 2003 to September 1, 2003, in § 165.169 add new paragraphs (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9) and (a)(10) to read as follows:

§ 165.169 Safety and Security Zones: New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone.

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(7) *La Guardia Airport, Bowery and Flushing Bays, Queens, NY.*—(i) *Location: 200-Yard Zone.* All waters of Bowery and Flushing Bays within approximately 200 yards of La Guardia Airport bound by the following points: Onshore at Steinway, Queens in approximate position 40°46′32.1″ N, 073°53′22.4″ W, thence to 40°46′52.8″ N, 073°53′09.3″ W, thence to 40°46′54.8″ N, 073°52′54.2″ W, thence to 40°46′59.3″ N, 073°52′51.3″ W, thence to 40°47′11.8″ N, 073°53′17.3″ W, thence to 40°47′13.0″ N, 073°53′16.1″ W on Rikers Island, thence easterly along the Rikers Island shoreline to approximate position 40°47′12.9″ N, 073°52′17.9″ W, thence to 40°47′16.7″ N, 073°52′09.2″ W, thence to 40°47′36.1″ N, 073°51′52.5″ W, thence to 40°47′35.1″ N, 073°51′50.5″ W, thence to 40°47′15.9″ N, 073°52′06.4″ W, thence to 40°47′14.5″ N, 073°52′03.1″ W, thence to 40°47′10.6″ N, 073°52′06.7″ W, thence to 40°47′01.9″ N, 073°52′02.4″ W, thence to 40°46′50.4″ N, 073°52′08.1″ W, thence to 40°46′26.8″ N, 073°51′18.5″ W, thence to

40°45'57.2" N, 073°51'01.8" W, thence to 40°45'51.2" N, 073°50'59.6" W, thence to 40°45'49.5" N, 073°51'07.2" W, thence to 40°45'58.8" N, 073°51'13.2" W, thence to 40°46'02.3" N, 073°51'20.1" W, thence to 40°45'48.4" N, 073°51'37.0" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(ii) *Location: 100-Yard Zone.* All waters of Bowery and Flushing Bays within approximately 100 yards of La Guardia Airport bound by the following points: Onshore at Steinway, Queens in approximate position 40°46'32.1" N, 073°53'22.4" W, thence to 40°46'50.6" N, 073°53'07.3" W, thence to 40°46'53.0" N, 073°52'50.9" W, thence to 40°46'57.6" N, 073°52'47.9" W, thence to 40°47'11.8" N, 073°53'17.3" W, thence to 40°47'13.0" N, 073°53'16.1" W on Rikers Island, thence easterly along the Rikers Island shoreline to approximate position 40°47'12.9" N, 073°52'17.9" W, thence to 40°47'16.7" N, 073°52'09.2" W, thence to 40°47'36.1" N, 073°51'52.5" W, thence to 40°47'35.1" N, 073°51'50.5" W, thence to 40°47'15.9" N, 073°52'06.4" W, thence to 40°47'14.5" N, 073°52'03.1" W, thence to 40°47'07.9" N, 073°52'09.2" W, thence to 40°47'01.4" N, 073°52'06.1" W, thence to 40°46'50.0" N, 073°52'14.6" W, thence to 40°46'22.2" N, 073°51'16.0" W, thence to 40°45'57.2" N, 073°51'01.8" W, thence to 40°45'52.4" N, 073°51'00.2" W, thence to 40°45'50.6" N, 073°51'07.9" W, thence to 40°45'58.8" N, 073°51'13.2" W, thence to 40°46'04.0" N, 073°51'23.3" W, thence to 40°45'51.2" N, 073°51'38.8" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(iii) *Enforcement period.* The zones described in paragraph (a)(7) of this section will be effective at all times. When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the waters described in paragraph (a)(7)(i) of this section. That lies outside of the waters described in paragraph (a)(7)(ii) of this section: Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of the zones described in paragraphs (a)(7)(i) and (a)(7)(ii) of this section will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, or local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>.

(8) *John F. Kennedy Airport, Jamaica Bay, Queens, NY.*—(i) *Location: Bergen Basin.* All waters of Bergen Basin north of 40°39'26.4" N.

(ii) *Location: Thurston Basin.* All waters of Thurston Basin north of 40°38'21.2" N.

(iii) *Location: 200-Yard Zone.* All waters of Jamaica Bay within approximately 200 yards of John F. Kennedy Airport bound by the

following points: Onshore east of Bergen Basin, Queens in approximate position 40°38'49.0" N, 073°49'09.1" W, thence to 40°38'42.5" N, 073°49'13.2" W, thence to 40°38'00.6" N, 073°47'35.1" W, thence to 40°37'52.3" N, 073°47'55.0" W, thence to 40°37'50.3" N, 073°47'53.5" W, thence to 40°37'59.4" N, 073°47'32.6" W, thence to 40°37'46.1" N, 073°47'07.2" W, thence to 40°37'19.5" N, 073°47'30.4" W, thence to 40°37'05.5" N, 073°47'03.0" W, thence to 40°37'34.7" N, 073°46'40.6" W, thence to 40°37'20.5" N, 073°46'23.5" W, thence to 40°37'05.7" N, 073°46'34.9" W, thence to 40°36'54.8" N, 073°46'26.7" W, thence to 40°37'14.1" N, 073°46'10.8" W, thence to 40°37'36.9" N, 073°45'52.8" W, thence to 40°38'00.8" N, 073°44'54.9" W, thence to 40°38'05.1" N, 073°45'00.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(iv) *Location: 100-Yard Zone.* All waters of Jamaica Bay within approximately 100 yards of John F. Kennedy Airport bound by the following points: Onshore east of Bergen Basin, Queens in approximate position 40°38'49.0" N, 073°49'09.1" W, thence to 40°38'45.1" N, 073°49'11.6" W, thence to 40°38'02.0" N, 073°47'31.8" W, thence to 40°37'52.3" N, 073°47'55.0" W, thence to 40°37'50.3" N, 073°47'53.5" W, thence to 40°38'00.8" N, 073°47'29.4" W, thence to 40°37'47.4" N, 073°47'02.4" W, thence to 40°37'19.9" N, 073°47'25.0" W, thence to 40°37'10.0" N, 073°47'03.7" W, thence to 40°37'37.7" N, 073°46'41.2" W, thence to 40°37'22.6" N, 073°46'21.9" W, thence to 40°37'05.7" N, 073°46'34.9" W, thence to 40°36'54.8" N, 073°46'26.7" W, thence to 40°37'14.1" N, 073°46'10.8" W, thence to 40°37'40.0" N, 073°45'55.6" W, thence to 40°38'02.8" N, 073°44'57.5" W, thence to 40°38'05.1" N, 073°45'00.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(v) *Enforcement period.* The zones described in paragraphs (a)(8) of this section will be effective at all times. When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the waters described in paragraph (a)(8)(iii) of this section that lies outside of the waters described in paragraph (a)(8)(iv) of this section. Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of the zones described in paragraphs (a)(8)(iii) and (a)(8)(iv) of this section will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>.

(9) *NYPD Ammunition Depot, Rodman Neck, Eastchester Bay, NY.*—(i) *Location: 150-Yard Zone.* All waters of Eastchester Bay within approximately 150 yards of Rodman Neck bound by the

following points: Onshore in approximate position 40°51'30.4" N, 073°48'14.9" W, thence to 40°51'29.9" N, 073°48'20.7" W, thence to 40°51'16.9" N, 073°48'22.5" W, thence to 40°51'07.5" N, 073°48'18.7" W, thence to 40°50'54.2" N, 073°48'11.1" W, thence to 40°50'48.5" N, 073°48'04.6" W, thence to 40°50'49.2" N, 073°47'56.5" W, thence to 40°51'03.6" N, 073°47'47.3" W, thence to 40°51'15.7" N, 073°47'46.8" W, thence to 40°51'23.5" N, 073°47'41.9" W, (NAD 1983) thence southwesterly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(ii) *Location: 100-Yard Zone.* All waters of Eastchester Bay within approximately 100 yards of Rodman Neck bound by the following points: Onshore in approximate position 40°51'30.4" N, 073°48'14.9" W, thence to 40°51'30.1" N, 073°48'19.0" W, thence to 40°51'16.8" N, 073°48'20.5" W, thence to 40°51'07.9" N, 073°48'16.8" W, thence to 40°50'54.9" N, 073°48'09.0" W, thence to 40°50'49.7" N, 073°48'03.6" W, thence to 40°50'50.1" N, 073°47'57.9" W, thence to 40°51'04.6" N, 073°47'48.9" W, thence to 40°51'15.9" N, 073°47'48.4" W, thence to 40°51'23.5" N, 073°47'41.9" W, (NAD 1983) thence southwesterly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(iii) *Enforcement period.* The zones described in paragraph (a)(9) of this section will be effective at all times. When port security conditions permit, the Captain of the Port will allow vessels to operate within that portion of the waters described in paragraph (a)(9)(i) of this section that lies outside of the waters described in paragraph (a)(9)(ii) of this section. Authorization to enter the waters that lie between the outer boundaries of the zones described in paragraphs (a)(9)(i) and (a)(9)(ii) of this section will be communicated by the Captain of the Port to the public by marine broadcast, local notice to mariners, or notice posted at <http://www.harborops.com>.

(10) *Port Newark/Port Elizabeth, Newark Bay, NJ.* All waters of Newark Bay bound by the following points: 40°41'49.9" N, 074°07'32.2" W, thence to 40°41'46.5" N, 074°07'20.4" W, thence to 40°41'10.7" N, 074°07'45.9" W, thence to 40°40'54.3" N, 074°07'55.7" W, thence to 40°40'36.2" N, 074°08'03.8" W, thence to 40°40'29.1" N, 074°08'06.3" W, thence to 40°40'21.9" N, 074°08'10.0" W, thence to 40°39'27.9" N, 074°08'43.6" W, thence to 40°39'21.5" N, 074°08'50.1" W, thence to 40°39'21.5" N, 074°09'54.3" W, (NAD 1983) thence northerly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

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Dated: February 4, 2003.

Craig E. Bone,

Captain, Coast Guard Captain of the Port,
New York.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-2002-0273; FRL-7278-7]

Pelargonic Acid (Nonanoic Acid); Exemption from the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation establishes an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the pelargonic acid in or on all foods when applied used as a component of a food contact surface sanitizing solution in food handling establishments. Eco Lab Inc. requested this tolerance under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

DATES: This regulation is effective February 19, 2003. Objections and requests for hearings, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0273, must be received on or before April 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written objections and hearing requests may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit VI. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAIC code 111)
- Animal production (NAIC code 112)
- Food manufacturing (NAIC code 311)

- Pesticide manufacturing (NAIC code 32532)

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0273. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. A frequently updated electronic version of 40 CFR part 180 is available at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfrhtml_00/Title_40/40cfr180_00.html, a beta site currently under development.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. Background and Statutory Findings

In the **Federal Register** of December 7, 2001 (66 FR 63534) (FRL-6737-9), EPA issued a notice pursuant to section 408 of FFDCA, 21 U.S.C. 346a, as amended by FQPA (Public Law 104-170), announcing the filing of a pesticide petition (PP 0F6193) by Eco Lab Inc., 370 N. Wabasha Street, St. Paul MN 55102. That notice included a summary of the petition prepared by Eco Lab, Inc., the registrant. There were no

comments received in response to the notice of filing.

The petition requested that 40 CFR 180.1159 be amended by establishing an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of nonanoic acid. Nonanoic acid is a component of a proposed product KX-6116 in which this active ingredient is present at 6.49% in the formulation. The proposed sanitizer formulation is applied to food contact surfaces such as equipment, pipelines, tanks, vats, fillers, evaporators, pasteurizers and aseptic equipment in restaurants, food service operations, dairies, breweries, wineries, and beverage and food processing plants. The sanitizer is applied by immersion, coarse spray, or circulation technique as appropriate to the equipment. The solution, once applied, is allowed to drain and dry and there is no potable water rinse.

Section 408(b)(2)(A)(i) of the FFDCA allows EPA to establish an exemption from the requirement for a tolerance (the legal limit for a pesticide chemical residue in or on a food) only if EPA determines that the tolerance is "safe." Section 408(b)(2)(A)(ii) defines "safe" to mean that "there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue, including all anticipated dietary exposures and all other exposures for which there is reliable information." This includes exposure through drinking water and in residential settings, but does not include occupational exposure. Section 408(b)(2)(C) requires EPA to give special consideration to exposure of infants and children to the pesticide chemical residue in establishing a tolerance and to "ensure that there is a reasonable certainty that no harm will result to infants and children from aggregate exposure to the pesticide chemical residue. . . ."

EPA performs a number of analyses to determine the risks from aggregate exposure to pesticide residues. First, EPA determines the toxicity of pesticides. Second, EPA examines exposure to the pesticide through food, drinking water, and through other exposures that occur as a result of pesticide use in residential settings.

III. Toxicological Profile

Consistent with section 408(b)(2)(D) of FFDCA, EPA has reviewed the available scientific data and other relevant information in support of this action and considered its validity, completeness and reliability and the relationship of this information to human risk. EPA has also considered available information concerning the