DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

19 CFR Part 101

Extension of Port Limits of Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection; Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Customs Regulations pertaining to the field organization of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) by extending the geographical limits of the port of Chicago, Illinois. The change is being proposed as part of CBP’s continuing program to obtain more efficient use of its personnel, facilities, and resources, and to provide better service to carriers, importers, and the general public.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be submitted to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations and Rulings, (Attention: Regulations Branch), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20229. Submitted comments may be inspected at the CBP, 799 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC during regular business hours. Arrangements to inspect submitted comments should be made in advance by calling Mr. Joseph Clark at (202) 572–8768.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In order to facilitate the clearance of international freight at an intermodal facility in the City of Elwood, Illinois, CBP is proposing to amend § 101.3(b)(1) by extending the port limits of the port limits of the port of Chicago, to include certain parts of the City of Elwood, Illinois, as described below. The proposed extension of the port limits will provide better service to importers and the rail transportation industry in central Illinois.

Current Port Limits of Chicago, Illinois

The current port limits of Chicago, Illinois, are described as follows in Treasury Decision (T.D.) 71–121 of May 3, 1971:

Beginning at the point where the northern limits of Cook County, Illinois, intersect Lake Michigan, thence westerly along the Cook County-Lake County Line to the point where State Highway Fifty-Three (52) intersects this Line, thence in a southerly direction along State Highway Fifty-Three (53) to the point where this highway intersects the Dupage County-Will County Line, thence in a general easterly and southerly direction along the northern and eastern limits of Will County, Illinois, to the point where the Will County-Cook County Line intersects the Illinois-Indiana State Line, thence northerly along the Illinois-Indiana State Line to the point near Dyer, Indiana, where U.S. Route Thirty (30) intersects this Line, thence easterly along U.S. Route Thirty (30) to a point where this highway and Indiana State Highway Forty-Nine (49) intersect, thence in a northerly direction along Indiana State Highway Forty-Nine (49) to the place where the highway meets Lake Michigan.

Proposed Port Limits of Chicago, Illinois

CBP proposes to extend the port limits of the port of Chicago, Illinois, to include additional territory in the City of Elwood, Illinois so that the description of the port limits would read as follows:

Beginning at the point where the northern limits of Cook County, Illinois, intersect Lake Michigan, thence westerly along the Cook County-Lake County Line to the point where Illinois Highway Fifty-Three (53) intersects this Line, thence in a southerly direction along Illinois State Highway Fifty-Three (53) to the point where this highway intersects Interstate Highway Fifty-Five (55), thence southwesterly along Interstate Highway Fifty-Five (55) to the point where this highway intersects the north bank of the Kankakee River, thence southeasterly to the point where the Kankakee River intersects State Highway Fifty-Three (53), thence northeasterly to the point where this highway intersects Interstate Highway Eighty (60), thence easterly to the point where this highway intersects the Cook County-Will County Line, thence in a general easterly and southerly direction along the northern and eastern limits of Will County, Illinois, to the point where the Will County-Cook County Line intersects the Illinois-Indiana State Line, thence northerly along the Illinois-Indiana State Line to the point near Dyer, Indiana, where U.S. Route Thirty (30) intersects this Line, thence easterly along U.S. Route Thirty (30) to the point where this highway and the Indiana State Highway Forty-Nine (49) intersect, thence in a northerly direction along Indiana State Highway Forty-Nine (49) to a place where this highway meets Lake Michigan.

Authority

This change is proposed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301 and 19 U.S.C. 2, 66 and 1624.

Comments

Before adopting this proposal, consideration will be given to any written comments that are timely submitted to CBP. All such comments received from the public pursuant to this notice of proposed rulemaking will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and § 103.11(b), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 103.11(b)) during regular business days between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 799 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866

CBP establishes, expands and consolidates CBP ports of entry throughout the United States to accommodate the volume of CBP-related activity in various parts of the country. Thus, although this document is being issued with notice for public comment, because it relates to agency management and organization it is not subject to the notice and public procedure requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553. Accordingly, this document is not subject to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.). Agency organization matters such as this proposed port extension are exempt from consideration under Executive Order 12866.

Drafting Information

The principal author of this document was Janet L. Johnson, Regulations Branch. However, personnel from other offices participated in its development.
I. Background

HUD has established the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the purposes of discussing and negotiating a proposed rule that would change the regulations for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program allocation formula, and other IHBG program regulations that arise out of the allocation or reallocation of IHBG funds.

The IHBG program was established under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) (NAHASDA). NAHASDA reorganized housing assistance to Native Americans by eliminating and consolidating a number of HUD assistance programs in a single block grant program. In addition, NAHASDA provides federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-government. Following the procedures of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (5 U.S.C. 561–570), HUD and its tribal partners negotiated the March 12, 1998 (63 FR 12349) final rule, which created a new 24 CFR part 1000 containing the IHBG program regulations.

II. Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meeting

This document announces a meeting of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. The committee meeting will take place as described in the DATES and ADDRESSES section of this document. The agenda planned for the meeting includes work group sessions and the discussion of work group progress reports by the full committee. The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may be allowed to make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this document.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

25 CFR Chapter I

No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Membership of the No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior has established an advisory Committee to develop recommendations for proposed rules for Indian education under six sections of The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. On May 5, 2003, the Secretary published the proposed membership for the No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and requested comments. Following review of the comments, the Secretary has named the members of the Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is an advisory committee formed under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107–110), the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to negotiate and reach consensus on recommendations for proposed rules for Indian education under six sections of The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. For more information on negotiated rulemaking under The No Child Left Behind Act, see Federal Register notices that we published on December 10, 2002 (67 FR 75828) and May 5, 2003 (68 FR 23631), or our Web site at http://www.oiep.bia.edu under “Negotiated Rulemaking.”

The Secretary proposed 19 tribal Committee members and 6 Federal Committee members. Following selection of the tribal Committee members as proposed in the May 5, 2003, Federal Register notice, one of the proposed tribal Committee members, David Germany, Mississippi Band of Choctaw, was unable to serve. The Secretary has replaced Mr. Germany with Vanessa Girard, Education Planner, Gila River Indian Community. In response to the Federal Register notice of proposed membership of the Committee, the Secretary received 8 comments, including 6 additional nominations for Committee membership. The Secretary found that the membership of the Committee adequately represented the tribes with bureau-funded schools and the interests