

communication that does not meet the following requirements or is not submitted within the required time limits. All communications from any party, CMS, or other affected nonparty, concerning a Board decision (or other reviewable action) that is being reviewed or may be reviewed by the Administrator must—”

■ b. Last paragraph, lines 1 through 3, through the second column, first paragraph, lines 1 through 4, the paragraph “(ii) Written submissions regarding review submitted under paragraph (c)(4) of this section. The Administrator does not consider any communication that does not meet these requirements or is not submitted within the required time limits.” is corrected to read “(ii) Written submissions regarding review submitted under paragraph (c)(4) of this section.”

■ 16. On page 30267, first column, sixth full paragraph, lines 2 and 3, the phrase “revising the last sentence in each of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2)” is corrected to read “removing the last two sentences in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) and adding one sentence in their place in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2).”

IV. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and 30-Day Delay in Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

We find it unnecessary to undertake notice and comment rulemaking because this notice merely provides typographical and technical corrections. The revisions do not represent changes in policy, nor do they have a substantive effect, and the public interest would be best served by timely correction of these technical and typographical errors. Therefore, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the **Federal Register**. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency

incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

Because this correction notice does not make substantive changes to the final rule, and the public interest is served by quickly correcting these technical errors in order to improve the clarity of the regulation, we find good cause under section 553(d)(3) of the APA to waive the 30-day delay in effective date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: August 15, 2008.

Ann C. Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Part 315

[Docket No. MARAD 2008 0076]

RIN 2133–AB73

U.S. Citizenship for Contracts on RRF Vessels

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rulemaking clarifies Maritime Administration regulations which require that Agents (including Ship Managers) for the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) appointed by the Maritime Administration be United States citizens.

DATES: Effective August 21, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This rulemaking clarifies title 46 CFR part 315.5, Appointment of an Agent, which requires that Agents (including Ship Managers) for the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) appointed by the Maritime Administration be United States citizens, as defined in § 315.3(b). This action is taken on the Maritime Administration’s initiative.

Under existing authority, the Department of Defense (DOD) transfers

vessels to the custody of the Maritime Administration for inclusion in the NDRF. Pursuant to that authority, eight Fast Sealift Ships (FSS) are being transferred from the Military Sealift Command (MSC) into the Ready Reserve Force (RRF) component of the NDRF, effective October 1, 2008. The eight FSS vessels are currently operated by Maersk Lines Limited (MLL) under contract with MSC. Under the terms of this transfer, MSC has delegated procuring contracting officer authority for the FSS contract to the Maritime Administration, which will provide oversight and direction for the remainder of the contract. Since the transferred vessels are being maintained and operated under a contract awarded by another federal agency, administration of that contract does not constitute the appointment of an Agent by the Maritime Administration under 46 CFR part 315.5.

This regulation clarifies the limited duration of performance under such contracts.

Program Description

In this rulemaking, the Maritime Administration is clarifying the U.S. citizenship requirements for certain contracts between the owners of vessels in the RRF program of the NDRF and the Maritime Administration, by the addition of a new section to 46 CFR part 315.

Rulemaking Analyses and Notices

Executive Order 12866 and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

This rulemaking is not significant under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, and as a consequence, OMB did not review the rule. This rulemaking is also not significant under the Regulatory Policies and Procedures of the Department of Transportation (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979). It is also not considered a major rule for purposes of Congressional review under Public Law 104–121. We believe that the economic impact of this rulemaking does not warrant the preparation of a full regulatory evaluation since the rulemaking clarifies existing regulations set forth in 46 CFR part 315.

Executive Order 13132

We analyzed this rulemaking in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 (“Federalism”) and have determined that it does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. The regulations herein have no substantial

effects on the States, the current Federal-State relationship, or the current distribution of power and responsibilities among local officials. Therefore, we did not consult with State and local officials because it was not necessary.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires us to assess the impact that regulations will have on small entities. After analysis of this proposed rule, the Maritime Administrator certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Environmental Assessment

We have analyzed this rule for purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and we have concluded that, under the categorical exclusions provision in section 4.05 of Maritime Administrative Order (MAO) 600-1, "Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts," 50 FR 11606 (March 22, 1985), neither the preparation of an Environmental Assessment, an Environmental Impact Statement, nor a Finding of No Significant Impact for this rulemaking is required. This rulemaking will not result in any impact on the environment.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not establish a new requirement for the collection of information. Thus, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will not be requested to review and approve the information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rulemaking does not impose unfunded mandates under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. It does not result in costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, and is the least burdensome alternative that achieves this objective of U.S. policy. Department of Transportation guidance requires the use of a revised threshold figure of \$136.1 million, which is the value of \$100 million in 2008 after adjusting for inflation.

Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

Executive Order 13175—Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, dated November 6, 2000, seeks to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes. Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this regulation as it does not affect, directly or indirectly, Indian tribes.

Regulation Identifier Number (RIN)

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Privacy Act

You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–19478) or you may visit www.regulations.gov.

List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 315

Government contracts, National defense, Vessels.

■ Accordingly, the Maritime Administration amends 46 CFR part 315 as follows:

PART 315—AGENCY AGREEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 315 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. App. 1744; 49 CFR 1.66.

■ 2. Section 315.6 is added to read as follows:

§ 315.6 Transferred vessels and contracts.

The requirements of § 315.5(a)(1) shall not apply to a contractor managing vessels owned by the United States under a contract or contracts previously awarded by another Federal agency if the contract, and the vessels managed under such contract, are subsequently transferred to the Maritime Administration, provided the period of performance of the transferred contract does not exceed the period of performance of the original contract, including options.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: August 14, 2008.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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