themselves continuing to recover from the earthquake.

The U.S. is committed to continuing to assist the people of Haiti. DHS is therefore extending this employment authorization for F–1 Haitian nonimmigrant students that are continuing to experience severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake.

How do I apply for an employment authorization under the circumstances of this notice?

F–1 Haitian students who were lawfully present in the U.S. on January 12, 2010 and are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake may apply for employment authorization under the guidelines described in 75 FR 56120. This notice extends the time period during which F–1 Haitian students may seek employment authorization due to the earthquake. It does not impose any new or additional policies or procedures beyond those listed in the original notice. All interested F–1 students should follow the instructions listed in the original notice.

Janet Napolitano,
Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice, contact Lieutenant Commander David Webb, Passenger Vessel Program Manager, Office of Vessel Activities, Domestic Vessel Compliance Division (CG–543), telephone 202–372–1224 or via e-mail at CG5431@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard determines the maximum number of persons permitted on a vessel by several factors, including the total weight of people carried based on an Assumed Average Weight per Person (AAWPP). The Coast Guard published a Final Rule (75 FR 78064, December 14, 2010), which updated the AAWPP for new and existing inspected passenger vessels and is available in the docket. The relevant portions of the final rule will become effective on December 1, 2011. Because of the large number of passenger vessels affected by the Final Rule, it is not practical for the Coast Guard to amend all stability letters and Certificates of Inspection (COIs) prior to the effective date of the new AAWPP, nor is it reasonable to defer vessel operator compliance until all vessel documents are updated.

For this reason, the policy letter referred to in this notice provides supplemental guidance to the implementation discussion contained in the preamble to the Final Rule. This policy letter provides guidance for existing passenger vessels and contains acceptable methods for passenger vessel owners and operators to demonstrate compliance with the new AAWPP. It also outlines procedures to be followed by both passenger vessel owners and operators and the Coast Guard in order to verify compliance and amend vessel documents as may be needed. Finally, the policy letter provides guidance on an alternative to the AAWPP, described in the final rule, that a vessel may use if the owner/operator can demonstrate that the average weight of passengers and crew routinely carried on that vessel differs significantly from the published AAWPP.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 46 CFR 176.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2007–0030]

Implementation of Revised Passenger Weight Standards for Existing Passenger Vessels

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the publication of Officer of Vessel Activities (CG–543) Policy Letter 11–03: “Implementation of Revised Passenger Weight Standards for Existing Passenger Vessels.” This policy letter provides guidance on how the Coast Guard will amend Certificates of Inspection prior to a change in the assumed average weight per person standard that will become effective in December 2011.

DATES: The policy letter announced in this notice is effective on May 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The policy letter and other documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2007–0030 and are available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S.

Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. In addition:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency


Mississippi; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Mississippi (FEMA–3320–EM), dated May 4, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: Effective Date: May 6, 2011.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Mississippi is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared an emergency by the President in his declaration of May 4, 2011. Sharkey and Yazoo Counties for emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidential Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidential Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050 Presidential, Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.