

■ 2. Section 736.2 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(8)(i) to read as follows:

§ 736.2 General prohibitions and determination of applicability.

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(b) * * *

(8) * * *

(i) *Unlading and shipping in transit.*

You may not export or reexport an item through, or transit through a country listed in paragraph (b)(8)(ii) of this section, unless a license exception or license authorizes such an export or reexport directly to or transit through such a country of transit, or unless such an export or reexport is eligible to such a country of transit without a license.

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PART 740—[AMENDED]

■ 3. The authority citation for part 740 continues to as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 7201 *et seq.*; E.O. 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; Notice of August 7, 2015, 80 FR 48233 (August 11, 2015).

■ 4. Section 740.15 is amended by revising paragraph (d)(6) to read as follows:

§ 740.15 Aircraft, vessels and spacecraft (AVS).

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(d) * * *

(6) *Cuba*—(i) *Eligible vessels and purposes.* Only the types of vessels listed in this paragraph (d)(6)(i) departing for Cuba for the purposes listed in this paragraph (d)(6)(i) may depart for Cuba pursuant to this paragraph (d). Vessels used to transport both passengers and items to Cuba may transport automobiles only if the export or reexport of the automobiles to Cuba has been authorized by a separate license issued by BIS (*i.e.*, not authorized by license exception).

(A) Cargo vessels for hire for use in the transportation of items;

(B) Passenger vessels for hire for use in the transportation of passengers and/or items; and

(C) Recreational vessels that are used in connection with travel authorized by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

Note to paragraph (d)(6)(i)(C): Readers should also consult U.S. Coast Guard regulations at 33 CFR part 107 Subpart B—Unauthorized Entry into Cuban Territorial Waters.

(ii) *Intransit cargo.* Cargo laden on board a vessel may transit Cuba provided:

(A) The vessel is exported or reexported on temporary sojourn to Cuba pursuant to this paragraph (d) or a license from BIS; and

(B) The cargo departs with the vessel at the end of its temporary sojourn to Cuba, does not enter the Cuban economy and is not transferred to another vessel while in Cuba.

Note to paragraph (d). A vessel exported or reexported to a country pursuant to this paragraph (d) may not remain in that country for more than 14 consecutive days before it departs for a country to which it may be exported without a license or the United States.

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■ 5. Section 740.21 is amended by:

■ a. Revising paragraph (e)(1);

■ b. Removing paragraph (e)(2);

■ c. Redesignating paragraph (e)(3) as (e)(2); and

■ d. Revising the note to paragraph (e).

The revisions read as follows:

§ 740.21 Support for the Cuban People (SCP).

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(e) * * *

(1) The export or reexport to Cuba of items for use by persons authorized by the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to establish and maintain a physical or business presence in Cuba pursuant to 31 CFR 515.573 or pursuant to a specific license issued by OFAC. The items authorized pursuant to this paragraph (e)(1) are limited to those designated as EAR99 (*i.e.*, items subject to the EAR but not specified in any ECCN) or controlled on the CCL only for anti-terrorism reasons.

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Note to paragraph (e). Any resulting payments associated with establishing or maintaining a physical or business presence in Cuba, such as lease payments, are permitted only to the extent authorized by 31 CFR 515.573 or a specific license issued by OFAC.

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PART 746—[AMENDED]

■ 6. The authority citation for part 746 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 287c; Sec 1503, Pub. L. 108–11, 117 Stat. 559; 22 U.S.C. 6004; 22 U.S.C. 7201 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 7210; E.O. 12854, 58 FR 36587, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 614; E.O. 12918, 59 FR 28205, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 899; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; E.O. 13338, 69 FR 26751, 3 CFR, 2004 Comp., p. 168; Presidential Determination 2003–23, 68 FR 26459, 3 CFR, 2004 Comp., p. 320; Presidential Determination 2007–7, 72 FR

1899, 3 CFR, 2006 Comp., p. 325; Notice of May 6, 2015, 80 FR 26815 (May 8, 2015); Notice of August 7, 2015, 80 FR 48233 (August 11, 2015).

■ 7. Section 746.2 is amended by:

■ a. Removing the word “and” from the end of paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B);

■ b. Removing the period from the end of paragraph (b)(3)(i)(C) and adding “; and” in its place;

■ c. Adding paragraph (b)(3)(i)(D); and

■ d. Revising Note 1 to paragraph (b)(3)(i).

The addition and revision read as follows:

§ 746.2 Cuba.

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(b) * * *

(3) * * *

(i) * * *

(D) Items that will enable or facilitate export from Cuba of items produced by the private sector.

Note 1 to paragraph (b)(3)(i): Licenses issued pursuant to the policy set forth in this paragraph generally will have a condition prohibiting both reexports from Cuba to any other destination and uses that enable or facilitate the export of goods or services from Cuba, that primarily generate revenue for the state.

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Dated: March 14, 2016.

Kevin J. Wolf,

Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

28 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. USPC–2016–01]

Paroling, Recommitting, and Supervising Federal Prisoners: Prisoners Serving Sentences Under the United States and District of Columbia Codes

AGENCY: United States Parole Commission, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Parole Commission is adopting a final rule to amend the voting requirements for decisions to terminate a D.C. Code parolee’s supervision before the expiration of the sentence. The new rule permits one commissioner to make the decision to terminate parole. The rule currently requires two commissioners to agree to terminate parole early. The Commission

is also revising reporting requirements for supervision officers who supervise D.C. Code offenders on parole and supervised release by removing the requirement for reports to be submitted after the completion of 12 months of continuous supervision.

DATES: Effective March 16, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helen H. Krapels, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission, 90 K Street NE., Washington, DC 20530, telephone (202) 346-7030. Questions about this publication are welcome, but inquiries concerning individual cases cannot be answered over the telephone.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since August 5, 1998, as a result of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, D.C. Code section 24-131(a) (hereinafter “the Revitalization Act”), the U.S. Parole Commission has had exclusive jurisdiction over District of Columbia Code felony offenders. Before this transfer of jurisdiction, the D.C. Board of Parole had the authority to release a D.C. Code parolee from supervision upon the vote of a majority of the D.C. Board of Parole. For a D.C. Code parolee released from supervision, all conditions of parole would be waived except the condition that the parolee not violate the law or engage in any conduct which might bring discredit to the parole system. The parolee was not, however, released from the custody of the Attorney General or the jurisdiction of the D.C. Board of Parole before the expiration of the sentence, which meant that the D.C. Board of Parole maintained jurisdiction to issue a warrant to return the parolee to custody if, before the expiration of the maximum period of supervision, the parolee committed a new crime or engaged in conduct which might bring discredit to the parole system.

Following the transfer of authority over D.C. Code parolees to the U.S. Parole Commission, the D.C. Council enacted the Equitable Street Time Amendment Act of 2008 (effective May 20, 2009) (hereinafter “the Equitable Street Time Amendment Act”). Section 3(a) of the Equitable Street Time Amendment Act permits the U.S. Parole Commission to terminate legal custody over D.C. Code parolees in a fashion that is similar to the U.S. Parole Commission’s authority to terminate parole for U.S. Code parolees. The Commission promulgated regulations to terminate parole before the expiration of the sentence pursuant to the authority granted under the Revitalization Act. These regulations were similar to the

regulations for early termination of parole for U.S. Code sentenced parolees, but required that two commissioners agree on the decision to terminate supervision early.

With the revision published today, the Commission is establishing an appropriate voting quorum for decisionmaking. The result is consistent with the Commission’s goal of achieving greater uniformity in its procedures for all cases under its jurisdiction. One commissioner may make the decision to terminate parole for D.C. Code parolees, as is the procedure for terminating parole for U.S. Code sentenced parolees and terminating supervised release for D.C. Code sentenced offenders on supervised release. Because the revision of the rule will affect only the internal voting procedures of the Commission, and will not implicate the merits of any parolee’s case for termination of parole, notice and public comment are not required. 18 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

The Commission is also eliminating the requirement that supervision officers provide initial supervision reports for D.C. Code offenders under its jurisdiction 90 days after the parolee has been released from prison and a supervision report after the completion of 12 months of continuous community supervision, and replacing it with the requirement that the supervision officer provide an initial supervision report after the completion of 24 months of continuous supervision. This revision will make the timeframes for submitting the initial supervision report consistent with U.S. Code sentenced parolees. Notice and public comment are not required because the revision of the rule will only affect procedures for submitting reports to the Commission. 18 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

Executive Order 13132

These regulations will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Under Executive Order 13132, these rules do not have sufficient federalism implications requiring a Federalism Assessment.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The rules will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 605(b).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The rules will not cause State, local, or tribal governments, or the private sector, to spend \$100,000,000 or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. No action under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 is necessary.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Subtitle E—Congressional Review Act)

These rules are not “major rules” as defined by Section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 Subtitle E—Congressional Review Act, now codified at 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The rules will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies. Moreover, these are rules of agency practice or procedure that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties, and do not come within the meaning of the term “rule” as used in Section 804(3)(C), now codified at 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C). Therefore, the reporting requirement of 5 U.S.C. 801 does not apply.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 2

Administrative practice and procedure, Prisoners, Probation and parole.

The Final Rule

Accordingly, the U.S. Parole Commission adopts the following amendment to 28 CFR part 2:

PART 2—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 28 CFR part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 18 U.S.C. 4203(a)(1) and 4204(a)(6).

■ 2. Amend § 2.74 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 2.74 Decision of the Commission.

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(c) The Commission shall resolve relevant issues of fact in accordance with § 2.19(c). Decisions granting or denying parole shall be based on the concurrence of two Commissioners, except that three Commissioners votes shall be required if the decision differs from the decision recommended by the examiner panel by more than six months. All other decisions, including decisions on revocation and repa-

made pursuant to § 2.105(c), and decisions terminating a parolee early from supervision, shall be based on the vote of one Commissioner, except as otherwise provided in this subpart.

■ 3. Revise § 2.94 to read as follows:

§ 2.94 Supervision reports to Commission.

A supervision report shall be submitted by the responsible supervision officer to the Commission for each parolee after the completion of 24 months of continuous supervision and annually thereafter. The supervision officer shall submit such additional reports and information concerning both the parolee, and the enforcement of the conditions of the parolee's supervision, as the Commission may direct. All reports shall be submitted according to the format established by the Commission.

■ 4. Revise § 2.207 to read as follows:

§ 2.207 Supervision reports to Commission.

A supervision report shall be submitted by the responsible supervision officer to the Commission for each releasee after the completion of 24 months of continuous supervision and annually thereafter. The supervision officer shall submit such additional reports and information concerning both the releasee, and the enforcement of the conditions of the supervised release, as the Commission may direct. All reports shall be submitted according to the format established by the Commission.

Dated: March 4, 2016.

J. Patricia Wilson Smoot,
Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1988

[Docket Number: OSHA-2015-0021]

RIN 1218-AC88

Procedures for Handling Retaliation Complaints Under Section 31307 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the interim final text of regulations

governing the employee protection (retaliation or whistleblower) provisions of section 31307 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21 or the Act). This rule establishes procedures and time frames for the handling of retaliation complaints under MAP-21, including procedures and time frames for employee complaints to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), investigations by OSHA, appeals of OSHA determinations to an administrative law judge (ALJ) for a hearing de novo, hearings by ALJs, review of ALJ decisions by the Administrative Review Board (ARB) (acting on behalf of the Secretary of Labor) and judicial review of the Secretary's final decision. It also sets forth the Secretary's interpretations of the MAP-21 whistleblower provision on certain matters.

DATES: This interim final rule is effective on March 16, 2016. Comments and additional materials must be submitted (post-marked, sent or received) by May 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments by using one of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

Fax: If your submissions, including attachments, do not exceed 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger or courier service: You may submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2015-0021, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m., E.T.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2015-0021). Submissions, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birth dates.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anh-Viet Ly, Program Analyst, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4618, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2199. This is not a toll-free number. Email: OSHA.DWPP@dol.gov. This **Federal Register** publication is available in alternative formats. The alternative formats available are: large print, electronic file on computer disk (Word Perfect, ASCII, Mates with Duxbury Braille System) and audiotape.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21 or Act), Public Law 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, was enacted on July 6, 2012 and, among other things, funded surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Section 31307 of the Act, codified at 49 U.S.C. 30171 and referred to throughout these interim final rules as MAP-21, prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers, parts suppliers, and dealerships from discharging or otherwise retaliating against an employee because the employee provided, caused to be provided or is about to provide information to the employer or the Secretary of Transportation relating to any motor vehicle defect, noncompliance, or any violation or alleged violation of any notification or reporting requirement of Chapter 301 of title 49 of the U.S. Code (Chapter 301); filed, caused to be filed or is about to file a proceeding relating to any such defect or violation; testified, assisted or participated (or is about to testify, assist or participate) in such a proceeding; or objected to, or refused to participate in, any activity that the employee reasonably believed to be in violation of any provision of Chapter 301, or any order, rule, regulation, standard or ban under such provision. Chapter 301 is the codification of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966,