

fax, via internet link, or through use of voting software. In the case of the initial referendum, the Department will use a combination of mail-in and fax to allow voters to cast ballots.

(g) If the Department requests, manufacturers shall provide proof of sales, proof of cavities in operation, or any other such proof the Department deems necessary to establish voting eligibility. Failure to provide the requested proof to the Department will result in ineligibility to participate in the referendum.

#### § 1500.103 Instructions.

The agent(s) shall conduct the referendum, in the manner provided in this subpart, under the supervision of the Secretary. The Secretary may prescribe additional instructions, consistent with the provisions of this subpart, to govern the procedure to be followed by the agent(s). Such agent(s) shall:

(a) Determine the period during which voters may cast ballots;

(b) Provide notification to allow interested voters to register in advance of the referendum period. The Department will restrict the information requested to that information needed to ensure eligibility of request or to participate in the referendum. Types of information will include name, contact information (address, phone number, email), status as a manufacturer of concrete masonry units, affirmation of having manufactured concrete masonry units within 180 days prior to the beginning of the referendum period, the number of machine cavities in operation, their Employer Identification Number, and similar identifying information;

(c) Provide ballots and related material to voters for use in the referendum. The ballot shall provide for recording essential information, including information needed for ascertaining whether the person voting, or on whose behalf the vote is cast, is an eligible voter. The Department will restrict the information requested to that information needed to determine a voter's eligibility. Information will include the name and address of the manufacturer, status as a manufacturer of concrete masonry units, affirmation that they have manufactured concrete masonry units within 180 days of the beginning of the referendum period, manufacturer Employer Identification Number, the number of machine cavities the manufacturer has in operation, and similar verification information;

(d) Give reasonable public notice of the referendum:

(1) By using available media or public information sources, without incurring advertising expense, to publicize the dates, method of voting, eligibility requirements, and other pertinent information. Such sources of publicity may include, but are not limited to webinars and other such media vehicles; and

(2) By such other means as the agent may deem advisable;

(e) Send to eligible manufacturers whose names and addresses are known to the agent, the instructions on voting, a ballot, and a summary of the terms and conditions of the proposed order;

(f) At the end of the referendum period, collect, open, number, and review the ballots and tabulate the results in the presence of the Lead Executive authorized to monitor the referendum process;

(g) Prepare a report on the referendum; and

(h) Announce the results to the public.

#### § 1500.104 Agents.

The Secretary may appoint agent(s) to conduct the referendum. Agent(s) may appoint any individual or individuals necessary or desirable to assist the agent in performing such agent's functions under this subpart. The agent authorizes each individual so appointed to perform any or all of the functions which, in the absence of such appointment, shall be performed by the agent.

#### § 1500.105 Ballots.

(a) The agent(s) shall accept all ballots cast. However, if an agent determines a need for additional review for any reason, the agent shall endorse above the voter's signature on the ballot with a statement to the effect that the ballot needs additional scrutiny. The agent will attach to the ballot information regarding the reasons for additional review, the results of any investigations made with respect to the review, and the final disposition of the review. Agents will not count ballots found to be invalid or late, a non-exhaustive list of examples include:

(1) The ballot is blank, missing a vote, has no signature;

(2) Both voting boxes are marked in the vote section;

(3) The ballot arrives after midnight of the last day of the referendum period;

(4) The ballot is in a state that agents cannot determine the vote; or

(5) The ballot has a name that is different on the ballot from that of the registered voter, except for votes cast by power of attorney with sufficient documentation to prove such power of attorney.

(b) As stated in § 1500.102(e), the Secretary does not authorize proxy voting. However, agents will accept power of attorney votes with proper documentation.

#### § 1500.106 Referendum report.

Unless otherwise directed, the Lead Executive shall prepare and submit to the Secretary a report on the results of the referendum, the manner in which the agent(s) conducted the referendum, the kind of public notice given, and other information the Lead Executive finds pertinent to the analysis of the referendum and its results.

#### § 1500.107 Confidential information.

The ballots and other information or reports that reveal, or tend to reveal, the vote of any person covered under the order and the voter list shall be strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed.

#### § 1500.108 OMB control number.

The control number assigned to the information collection requirement in this subpart by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, is OMB control number 0605-0029.

Dated: April 23, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### 19 CFR Chapter I

#### Termination of Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Announcement of termination of arrival restrictions.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the decision of the Secretary of Homeland Security to terminate arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). These arrival restrictions were initiated due to outbreaks of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the DRC and in

the Republic of Guinea. These restrictions directed such flights to only land at a limited set of United States airports where the United States Government had focused public health resources to implement enhanced public health measures. Arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the Republic of Guinea remain in effect.

**DATES:** The arrival restrictions applicable to flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the DRC are terminated as of 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 29, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alyce Modesto, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection at 202-286-8995.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On March 4, 2021, the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) announced arrival restrictions applicable to flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or the Republic of Guinea, consistent with 6 U.S.C. 112(a), 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and 19 CFR 122.32, in a **Federal Register** document titled “Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo or the Republic of Guinea” (“Arrival Restrictions Notice”) (86 FR 12534).

For the reasons set forth below, the Secretary has decided to terminate the arrival restrictions applicable to flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the DRC. These restrictions funnel relevant arriving air passengers to one of six designated airports of entry where the U.S. is implementing enhanced public health measures. Since March 1, 2021, there have been no new confirmed EVD cases reported in the DRC and all contacts of cases that were being monitored for EVD have passed the 21-day incubation period. With no new cases reported in the past 42 days (2 incubation periods), no remaining hospitalized patients with EVD, and no contacts of confirmed EVD cases still requiring monitoring, the potential risk for Ebola virus exposure in the DRC has greatly diminished. Therefore, flight restrictions are no longer required for flights carrying persons who have

recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the DRC. Because the most recent case of EVD in the Republic of Guinea was confirmed on April 3, 2021, the arrival restrictions applicable to flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the Republic of Guinea remain in effect.

**Notice of Termination of Arrival Restrictions Applicable to All Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 112(a), 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and 19 CFR 122.32, and effective as of 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 29, 2021, for all affected flights arriving at a United States airport, I hereby terminate the arrival restrictions applicable to flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, the Democratic Republic of the Congo announced in the Arrival Restrictions document published at 86 FR 12534 (March 4, 2021).

**Alejandro Mayorkas**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0181]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Old River, Between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, CA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of temporary deviation from regulations; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the California Department of Transportation Route 4 highway bridge, across Old River, mile 14.8, between Victoria Island and Byron Tract, California. The amount of vessel traffic transiting the bridge site does not warrant an open on signal requirement for this drawbridge. This deviation will test a change to the drawbridge operation schedule to determine whether a permanent change to the schedule is needed. The Coast Guard is

seeking comments from the public regarding these proposed changes.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 6 a.m. on May 10, 2021, through 6 a.m. on August 7, 2021. Your comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before August 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2021-0181 using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this test deviation, call or email Mr. Carl Hausner, Eleventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Section Chief; telephone (510) 437-3516, email [Carl.T.Hausner@uscg.mil](mailto:Carl.T.Hausner@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Table of Abbreviations**

CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
DHS Department of Homeland Security  
U.S.C. United States Code

**II. Background and Purpose**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Route 4 highway bridge has a vertical clearance of 12.7 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position, and operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.183.

Caltrans has requested a permanent change in the operation schedule of the bridge due to the increase in vehicular traffic and a decrease in vessel traffic. Population growth and the cost of housing has increased land traffic traveling from the central valley to the San Francisco Bay Area for work. From 2011 to 2020 the bridge has opened 5.4 times per month from April through September and 2.9 times per month from October through March. Throughout the year, vessels requesting an opening are: recreational vessels, 21.5%; commercial vessels, 14.6%; government vessels conducting research, 60.5%; and law enforcement, 3.3%.

This test deviation will evaluate the impacts to navigation on the waterway. From 6 a.m. on May 10, 2021 through 6 a.m. on August 7, 2021, the drawspan of the bridge will open on signal if at least four hours notification is given to the drawtender at the Rio Vista Bridge across the Sacramento River, mile 12.8. Primary number, 707-374-2134; Secondary number, 209-948-7556. Caltrans will document vessel transits during this deviation and log any