

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million in any year and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

Executive Order 12866

The Department of State does not consider this rule to be a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review, and the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process under section 6(a)(3)(A).

Executive Order 13132

This regulation 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. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to require consultations or warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose any new reporting or record-keeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Passports and visas.

Accordingly, the Department of State amends 22 CFR Chapter I as set forth below.

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 41 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104

§ 41.53 [AMENDED]

2. Amend Section 41.53 as follows:
a. In paragraph (a)(2), insert ", or by the Department of Labor in the case of temporary agricultural workers" following the phrase "approval by INS."
b. In paragraph (b), insert "or by the Department of Labor" following "Immigration and Naturalization Service."

Dated: July 27, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**22 CFR Part 41**

[Public Notice 3400]

Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, As Amended—Waiver of Nonimmigrant Visa Fees for Members of Observer Missions to the United Nations

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: Current regulations contain a waiver of visa application and issuance fees for aliens coming to the United States in various diplomatic classifications, including those related to international organizations. This rule extends that provision to include persons who are members of observer missions to the United Nations who apply for B-1 visas to enter as participants in their U.N. observer missions.

DATES: This rule is effective August 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Edward Odom, Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520-0106, (202) 663-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current regulation governing the waiver of visa fees for diplomats, on a reciprocal basis or as provided in the Headquarters Agreement with the United Nations, identifies the beneficiaries of the waiver by the classification of the visas they seek. In some instances, members of missions invited by the United Nations in observer status do not qualify for any of the applicable classifications and, instead, obtain B-1 visas for the purpose of attendance at the United Nations in

observer capacity. This amendment will bring such individuals under the same umbrella with regard to visa fees as others at the United Nations.

Is This Within the Agreement With the United Nations?

Yes. Article 11 of the Headquarters Agreement identifies the persons who are to be granted certain privileges. The fifth category, although not using the term "observer mission", clearly encompasses members of such units. Article 13 requires, among other things, that visas for persons covered by Article 11 be issued gratis.

Why Now, and Not Earlier?

In the past, most persons entering for the purpose of attendance at the United Nations obtained visas in one of the identified classifications. The few who didn't faced fees of negligible amounts and did not object to them. Over time, however, some reciprocal visa issuance fees, in particular, have become substantial, and the unintended but obvious inequity became a problem. This change in the regulation rectifies that problem.

Regulatory Analysis and Notices

Interim Rule

The implementation of this rule as an interim rule, with a 60-day provision for post-promulgation public comments, is based on the "good cause" exceptions set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) and 553(d)(3). The benefit conferred fulfills the international responsibility of the United States as host country. Delay of the benefit for public notice and comment is unnecessary.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to Section 605 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Department has assessed the potential impact of this rule, and the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs hereby certifies that it is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12372 and Executive Order 13132

The rule does not directly affect states or local governments or Federal relationships, does not create unfunded mandates, and does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant preparation of a federalism assessment.

5 U.S.C. Chapter 8

As required by 5 U.S.C., chapter 8, the Department has screened this rule and determined that it is not a major rule, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 80412.

Paperwork Reduction Act:

This rule will not affect paperwork requirements.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Nonimmigrants, Passports and visas.

In view of the foregoing, 22 CFR Part 41 is amended as follows:

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 41 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104.

2. 41.107(c)(1) is revised to read as follows:

41.107 Visa Fees

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(c) * * *

(1) Upon a basis of reciprocity, or as provided in section 13(a) of the Headquarters Agreement with the United Nations (61 Stat. 716; 22 U.S.C. 287, Note), no fee shall be collected for the application for or issuance of a nonimmigrant visa to an alien who is within a class of nonimmigrants classifiable under the visa symbols A, G, C-2, C-3, or NATO, or B-1 issued for participation in an official observer mission to the United Nations, or who is issued a diplomatic visa as defined in § 41.26.

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Dated: August 4, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

CGD 08-00-014

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**Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Upper Mississippi River**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District is temporarily changing the regulation governing the Rock Island Railroad & Highway Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River at Mile 482.9, at Rock Island, Illinois. The Drawbridge need not open for river traffic and may remain in the closed-to-navigation

position from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000. This temporary rule is issued to allow the scheduled running of a foot race as part of a local community event.

DATES: This rule is effective from 7:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on September 24, 2000 to 11:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on September 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD 08-00-014 and are available for inspection or copying at room 2.107f in the Robert A. Young Federal Building at Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Information**

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. This rule is being promulgated without an NPRM due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the U.S. Army and the date of the event.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. This rule should be made effective in less than 30 days due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the U.S. Army and the date of the event.

Background and Purpose

On May 30, 2000, the Department of Army Rock Island Arsenal requested a temporary change to the operation of the Rock Island Railroad & Highway Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River, Mile 482.9 at Rock Island, Illinois. The Rock Island Railroad Drawbridge navigation span has a vertical clearance of 23.8 feet above normal pool in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. Presently, the draw opens on signal for passage of river traffic. The Rock Island Arsenal requested the drawbridge be permitted to remain closed-to-navigation from 7:30 a.m.

until 11:30 a.m. on September 24, 2000. During this time a foot race will cross the bridge. This temporary drawbridge operation regulation has been coordinated with the commercial waterway operators. No objections to the proposed temporary rule were raised.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979).

The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this temporary rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This is because river traffic is not likely to be delayed more than 4 hours.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

This rule will be in effect for only 4 hours early in the day and the Coast Guard expects the impact of this action to be minimal. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), we offer to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. Any individual that qualifies or, believes he or she qualifies as a small entity and requires assistance with the provisions of this rule, may contact Mr. Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at (314) 539-3900, extension 378.