

(iii) When authorized to transit the regulated area, all vessels shall proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced annually from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the first Saturday in November. In 2005 the section will be enforced from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on October 29, instead of the first Saturday in November.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

**S. Ratti,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Parts 668, 674, 682, and 685

#### **Federal Student Aid Programs (Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Direct Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice extending the expiration date for the waivers and modifications of statutory and regulatory provisions pursuant to the Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students (HEROES) Act of 2003, Public Law 108-76.

**SUMMARY:** We extend the expiration date for the waivers and modifications of statutory and regulatory provisions issued by the Secretary pursuant to the HEROES Act of 2003 and announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2003 (68 FR 69312).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 30, 2005. The waivers and modifications announced in the December 12, 2003 **Federal Register** notice expire on September 30, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wendy Macias, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 8017, Washington, DC 20006-8544. Telephone: (202) 502-7526 or by e-mail: [wendy.macias@ed.gov](mailto:wendy.macias@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the HEROES Act of 2003, on December 12, 2003, the Secretary announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register**, the waivers or modifications of statutory or regulatory provisions that were appropriate to assist individuals who are applicants and recipients of student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and who—

- Are serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency;
- Are performing qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency;

- Reside or are employed in an area that is declared a disaster area by any Federal, State, or local official in connection with a national emergency; or

- Suffered direct economic hardship as a direct result of a war or other military operation or national emergency, as determined by the Secretary.

Under the terms of the HEROES Act of 2003, these waivers and modifications were scheduled to expire on September 30, 2005. However, on September 30, 2005, the President signed into law Pub. L. 109-78, which extended the expiration date of the HEROES Act of 2003, from September 30, 2005 to September 30, 2007. As a result, we are extending the waivers and modifications announced in the December 12, 2003, **Federal Register** notice through September 30, 2007.

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Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program; 84.032 Federal Family Education Loan Program; 84.032 Federal PLUS Program;

84.033 Federal Work Study Program; 84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program; and 84.268 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1071, 1082, 1087a, 1087aa, Pub. L. 108-76, Pub. L. 109-78.

Dated: October 14, 2005.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 111

#### **Address Visibility on Bundles of Flat-Size and Irregular Parcel Mail**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service™ is adopting new mailing standards to ensure that address and presort information on bundles of flat-size and irregular parcel mail remains visible and readable during processing. The new standards apply only to bundles of Periodicals, Standard Mail, and Package Services mail intended for processing on our Automated Package Processing System equipment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 27, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Chatfield, Mailing Standards, U.S. Postal Service, at (202) 268-7278 or Susan Hawes, Operational Requirements and Integration, U.S. Postal Service, at (202) 268-8980.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The Postal Service uses automated equipment whenever possible to reduce mail processing costs and help maintain stable postage rates. Our new Automated Package Processing System (APPS) for bundles of flat-size and irregular parcel mail has optical character reader (OCR) technology, enabling it to read delivery information and process mail more efficiently. APPS will replace many of our small parcel and bundle sorters.

We published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2004 (69 FR 53666), concerning address visibility on bundles of flat-size and irregular parcel mail. Our proposed rule included the following changes in mailing standards for bundles of Periodicals, Standard Mail, and Package Services mailpieces intended for processing on APPS equipment: