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Buffalo gourd root powder ( <i>Cucurbita foetidissima</i> root powder), Zucchini juice (Cucur bita pepo juice) or Hawkesbury melon <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> .	* *	* *
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### 42 CFR Part 121

#### Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Response to Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule; response to comments.

**SUMMARY:** Section 413 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, signed into law by the President on December 17, 1999, provided that the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Final Rule published on April 2, 1998, together with the amendments published on October 20, 1999, was not to become effective before March 16, 2000. The Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 1999, announcing the stay of the Final Rule and informing the public of the opportunity to submit comments on the Final Rule, as amended, for a 60-day period. After considering the comments submitted, the Department has determined that no further amendments to the Final Rule are warranted at this time.

**DATES:** The Final Rule published on April 2, 1998 (63 FR 16296) and amended on October 20, 1999 (64 FR 56650) became effective on March 16, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Rothberg Wegman, Director, Division of Transplantation, Office of Special Programs, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7C-22, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: 301-443-7577.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to the **Federal Register** notice of December 21, 1999 (64 FR 71626), the Department received 2,561 public comments. Of these, 2,205 were form letters. All of the form letters and a majority of the individual comments

opposed some provisions of the Final Rule. However, after reviewing these comments, the Department has concluded that the comments raised no significant issues not addressed previously in the history of this rulemaking. Indeed, the comments raised issues which were addressed in the amendments published on October 20, 1999 (64 FR 56650), and in explanatory language in the preamble to those amendments.

For these reasons, the Department has determined that no further amendments to the Final Rule are warranted by the most recent public comments at this time.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.*

Approved: March 17, 2000.

**Donna E. Shalala,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### 46 CFR Part 515

[Docket No. 99-23]

#### In the Matter of a Single Individual Contemporaneously Acting as the Qualifying Individual for Both an Ocean Freight Forwarder and a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Maritime Commission amends its regulations pertaining to the licensing requirements of ocean transportation intermediaries in accordance with the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998. We are also republishing a certification process pertaining to drug convictions that was previously omitted.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective March 22, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 14, 2000, the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC" or "Commission") published a proposed rule to amend 46 CFR 515.11(c) to allow affiliated companies to have the same qualifying individual to obtain a license under this part. 65 FR 7335. The proceeding was initiated in response to a petition filed with the Commission by the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America ("NCBFAA") which sought the issuance of a declaratory order confirming, pursuant to 46 CFR 515.11(c) (1999), that a single individual can act contemporaneously as the qualifying individual for both an ocean freight forwarder and a non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC"), as long as they are affiliated entities. In the alternative, NCBFAA sought a rulemaking to amend § 515.11(c) to achieve the same result. As discussed in the notice of proposed rulemaking, the Commission denied NCBFAA's petition for a declaratory order, and opted to address its concerns through a rulemaking.

Although not addressed in NCBFAA's petition, the Commission also proposed to amend the definition of "branch office" at 46 CFR 515.2(c), by removing the last sentence of the definition, which states that the term does not include a separately incorporated branch office. We explained that the Commission has recognized separately incorporated branch offices elsewhere in part 515, particularly with respect to the licensing and financial responsibility requirements, and that the proposed modification should remove any potential confusion.

Finally, we noted that in promulgating the rules to implement the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-258, 112 Stat. 1902, in Docket No. 98-28, *Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements and General Duties for Ocean*