

President to review the final rule to ensure that it is consistent with the law and Administration policies.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

14 CFR Part 382

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Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers With Disabilities Using Wheelchairs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement discretion.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will not take enforcement action until March 20, 2025, against regulated entities for failing to comply with the requirements contained in the final rule titled “Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers With Disabilities Using Wheelchairs”.

DATES: As of February 20, 2025, enforcement of the amendments enacted in the final rule published December 17, 2024, at 89 FR 102398, is delayed until March 20, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 2024, DOT issued a final rule titled “Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers With Disabilities Using Wheelchairs” (89 FR 102398). This final rule established requirements regarding mishandled wheelchairs and scooters and improper transfers to and from aircraft seats, aisle chairs, and personal wheelchairs. This final rule became effective on January 16, 2025.

On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum titled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,”¹ to direct executive departments and agencies to consider postponing for 60 days the effective date for any rules that had been published in the **Federal Register** but had not taken effect for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. While not explicitly subject to the President’s memorandum, DOT is providing notice that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and not enforce the provisions of the December 17, 2024, final rule until March 20, 2025, to allow the officials appointed or designated by the President to review the final rule to ensure that it is consistent with the law and Administration policies.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Visitor Experience Improvements Authority Contracts; Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from President Donald J. Trump, titled

“Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” this action temporarily delays the effective date of a rule published on January 17, 2025, until March 21, 2025.

DATES: As of February 14, 2025, the effective date of the final rule adding part 52 to title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, published at 90 FR 5639, January 17, 2025, is delayed to March 21, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Rausch, Chief of Commercial Services Program, National Park Service; (202) 513–7202; kurt_rausch@nps.gov. For questions regarding the NPS’s information collection request contact phadrea_ponds@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service (NPS) is taking this action in response to the memorandum of January 20, 2025, from the President, titled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” The memorandum directed the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to consider postponing for 60 days from the date of the memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the **Federal Register** but had not yet taken effect for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise. The NPS has determined the Visitor Experience Improvements Authority Contracts final rule meets the criteria for delaying the effective date. The new effective date for this regulation is March 21, 2025.

The NPS is taking this action, without opportunity for public comment and effective immediately, based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The temporary delay in effective date until March 21, 2025, is necessary to give Agency officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the memorandum of the President dated January 20, 2025. Given the imminence of the effective date of this regulation, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay is impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations.

For the foregoing reasons, the good cause exception in 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) also applies to NPS’s decision to make this action effective immediately. Moreover, to the extent that extending the effective date of this rule would grant an exception or relieve a restriction, an exception also applies under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

¹ 90 FR 8249 (January 28, 2025).