

National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. This rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 804 exempts from section 801 the following types of rules: (1) Rules of particular applicability; (2) rules relating to agency management or personnel; and (3) rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. 5 U.S.C. 804(3). EPA is not

required to submit a rule report regarding this action under section 801 because this is a rule of particular applicability.

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by February 18, 2003. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental

relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: December 5, 2002.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Part 52 of chapter I, title 40, *Code of Federal Regulations*, is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Subpart S—Kentucky

2. Section 52.920(d) is amended by adding a new entry at the end of the table to read as follows:

§ 52.920 Identification of plan.

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EPA—APPROVED KENTUCKY SOURCE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Name of source	Permit number	State effective date	EPA approval date	Federal Register Notice
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Lawson Mardon USA Packaging Corporation	N/A	February 18, 2003	December 18, 2002 ...	[Insert FR page citation]

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 32

[CC Docket No. 02-269; FCC 02-309]

Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: This order suspends the implementation of four previously adopted accounting and reporting rule changes until July 1, 2003 to allow the recently established Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues to review them because of the great interest in these changes by Joint Conference members.

DATES: The effective date for amendments to 47 CFR 32.5200, 32.6562 and 32.6620 published at 67 FR

5670, February 6, 2002, is further delayed until July 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Jackson, Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 2001, the Commission released a Report and Order, 67 FR 5670, February 6, 2002, as part of its biennial review of accounting requirements and Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) reporting requirements. In the order, the Commission adopted a number of accounting and reporting requirement reforms. The reforms included the creation of several new part 32 Uniform System of Accounts subaccounts and the elimination or modification of other part 32 accounts and subaccounts and modification of ARMIS reporting requirements. Changes to the part 32 accounting rules are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2003. On March 8, 2002, BellSouth Corporation, SBC Communications Inc., and Verizon filed a joint petition for reconsideration asking that two newly-created subaccounts—the wholesale and retail subaccounts to Account 6620, Services—be eliminated. The petitioners also requested that the Commission

change the reporting of “Loop Sheath Kilometers” back to “Sheath Kilometers.” The petitioners argued that the Commission should delay implementation of the relevant rule changes pending review of the arguments raised in their earlier reconsideration petition. The petitioners asserted that implementation of the rule changes will be very costly and time-consuming, and requested that they not be required to undertake this work while the Commission considers their petition. AT&T Corp. opposed both the petition for reconsideration and the request to delay implementation. On September 5, 2002, the Commission convened the Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues, which is undertaking “a cooperative federal and state review of regulatory accounting and reporting requirements in order to determine their adequacy and effectiveness in the current market and make recommendations for improvements.” In preliminary discussions, members of the Joint Conference identified the following two part 32 accounting changes adopted earlier that they believe should be subject to further consideration before implementation: the consolidation of

Account 5230, Directory revenue, with other miscellaneous revenue accounts into Account 5200, Miscellaneous revenue; and the consolidation of the depreciation and amortization expense accounts (Accounts 6561 through 6565) into Account 6562, Depreciation and amortization expenses. The Commission believes that further consideration of these changes by the Joint Conference is reasonable and defers the implementation of the following accounting and reporting requirement rule changes for six months: (1) The consolidation of Accounts 6621 through 6623 into Account 6620, with subaccounts for wholesale and retail; (2) the consolidation of Account 5230, Directory revenue, into Account 5200, Miscellaneous revenue; (3) the consolidation of the depreciation and amortization expense accounts (Accounts 6561 through 6565) into Account 6562, Depreciation and amortization expenses; and (4) the revised "Loop Sheath Kilometers" data collection in Table II of ARMIS Report 43-07. The effective date for the rule changes to Accounts 5200, 6562, and 6620 had earlier been extended to January 1, 2003, published on April 24, 2002, at 67 FR 20052, and now are further extended to July 1, 2003. The change affecting ARMIS Report 43-07 is extended to July 1, 2003.

Federal Communications Commission.

Jane E. Jackson,

Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

[I.D. 121202A]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: General category closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS has determined that the 2002 fishing year Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) General category quota will be attained by December 15, 2002. Therefore, the General category fishery will be closed effective 11:30 p.m. on December 15, 2002. This action is being taken to prevent overharvest of the total

adjusted General category quota of 882.0 metric tons (mt).

DATES: Effective 11:30 p.m. local time on December 15, 2002, through May 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad McHale or Dianne Stephan, 978-281-9260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations implemented under the authority of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) governing the harvest of BFT by persons and vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction are found at 50 CFR part 635. Section 635.27 subdivides the U.S. BFT quota recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas among the various domestic fishing categories. The General category landings quota, including time-period subquotas and the New York Bight set-aside, are specified annually as required under § 635.27(a)(1). The 2002 fishing year General category quota and effort control specifications were issued on October 1, 2002 (67 FR 61537).

General Category Closure

NMFS is required, under § 635.28 (a)(1), to file with the Office of the **Federal Register** for publication, notification of closure when a BFT quota is reached, or is projected to be reached. On and after the effective date and time of such closure notification, for the remainder of the fishing year, or for a specified period as indicated in the notification, fishing for, retaining, possessing, or landing BFT under that quota category is prohibited until the opening of the subsequent quota period, or until such date as specified in the notification.

Adjustments to the 2002 fishing year BFT quota specifications issued pursuant to § 635.27 (FR cites on 67 FR 68045 Nov. 8 '02 adjustments and 67 FR 71487 Dec. 2 '02) set a total coastwide General category quota of 882.0 mt of large medium and giant BFT to be harvested from the regulatory area during the 2002 fishing year. Based on reported landings and effort, NMFS projects that this quota will be reached by December 15, 2002. Therefore, fishing for, retaining, possessing, or landing large medium or giant BFT intended for sale by persons aboard vessels in the General or Charter/Headboat categories must cease at 11:30 p.m. local time December 15, 2002. The intent of this closure is to prevent overharvest of the adjusted quota established for the General category.

General category permit holders may tag and release BFT while the General category is closed, subject to the requirements of the tag-and-release program at § 635.26.

Vessels permitted in the HMS Charter/Headboat category may continue to fish for and retain BFT under the Angling category regulations. The current Angling category daily retention limit, effective from November 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003 (67 FR 39869, June 11, 2002) is one large school or small medium BFT (measuring from 47 to less than 73 inches (from 119 to less than 185 cm) curved fork length). In addition, HMS Charter/Headboat category vessels may continue to retain one large medium or giant "trophy" BFT, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) or greater, per fishing year (June 1 through May 31). Trophy BFT can not be sold and all BFT landed under the Angling category quota must be reported by calling 1-888-872-8862 or by using the Internet at www.nmfspermits.com, unless there is a landing tag requirement in the state of landing.

Classification

The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds for good cause that providing prior notice and public comment for this action, as required under 5 U.S.C. 553 (b) (B), is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This closure is intended to prevent the overharvest of the adjusted BFT quota established for the coastwide General category. The fishery is currently underway and any delay in closure could cause the fishery to exceed the quota and be inconsistent with domestic and international requirements and objectives. For these reasons the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effective date pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 (d) (1) and (3). NMFS provides as much advance notification of the closure as possible by publishing the closure notice in the **Federal Register**, faxing notification to individuals on the HMS FAX Network and to known fishery representatives, announcing the notice on the Atlantic Tunas Information Line, and announcing the closure notice over NOAA Weather and Coast Guard radio channels. This action is required under 50 CFR 635.28(a) (1) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*