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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Mystic River, CT, Drawbridge Operation Regulations:

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations governing the operation of AMTRAK railroad bridge, at mile 2.4, across the Mystic River at Mystic, Connecticut. This deviation allows the bridge owner to open the bridge only three times a day at 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. from December 11, 2000 to December 13, 2000. This action is necessary to facilitate replacement of the pinion at the bridge.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This deviation is effective from December 11, 2000, to December 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Arca, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AMTRAK railroad bridge, at mile 2.4, across the Mystic River, has a vertical clearance of 4 feet at mean high water, and 7 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing drawbridge operating regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.211(a).

The bridge owner requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to open the bridge only three times a day at 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m., from December 11, 2000 to December 13, 2000, to facilitate the replacement of the pinion at the bridge. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times during the closed period.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: November 24, 2000.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Global Express Guaranteed

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On April 19, 1999, the Postal Service published an interim rule introducing Priority Mail Global Guaranteed service on a test basis. The Postal Service has since amended that interim rule on four occasions, with the last amendment being announced on September 29, 2000, and amending the interim rule to rename the service Global Express Guaranteed service (GXG), establishing it as a permanent international service and expanding the service to include a new classification for Non-Document (merchandise) shipments. That amendment to the interim rule also established and published separate rates for the Non-Document service. The Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is implementing the interim rule as amended on a permanent basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm E. Hunt, (770) 360-1104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 19, 1999, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 19039-19042) the introduction of Priority Mail Global Guaranteed (PMGG) service on an interim basis. With PMGG, the USPS provided customers with a fully featured premium international service for documents with full track and trace capability. This service was initially available from 3,000 retail locations for delivery to a total of 19 countries.

On November 4, 1999, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 60106-60109) the expansion of PMGG service to permit acceptance at a total of 10,000 retail locations, with destination locations expanded to 65 countries and territories.

On May 26, 2000, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 34096-34101) the further expansion of PMGG service to a total of 202 destination countries and territories. A revised rate structure was also introduced.

On August 28, 2000, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal**

Register (65 FR 52023-52028) a further expansion of PMGG service. The number of retail locations was increased to a total of 20,000. Document service rates were adjusted, optional document reconstruction insurance was increased to \$2499, and delivery service was extended to China. An incorrect listing of three-digit ZIP Codes was included in the list of participating post offices in this rule. The correct list of participating post offices by three-digit ZIP Code is incorporated in the final rule.

On September 29, 2000, the Postal Service announced in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 58350-58359) a further expansion of PMGG service based on the successive and successful expansions of PMGG service. The Postal Service established it as a permanent international mail service. To effectuate this change, the Postal Service changed the name of the service to Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) and completed the expansion to include a new classification for merchandise shipments. GXG now consists of two mail classifications:

- a. GXG Document service
- b. GXG Non-Document service

The GXG Document service mail classification is for shipments that contain only documents and general correspondence for which no duty is assessed by the customs authority of the destination country. This mail classification is a designated letter mail class pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3623(d) and, as such, is sealed against inspection by the Postal Service. These Document service shipments may be subject to inspection in the destination country for purposes of compliance with the customs requirements of the destination country. The rate structure for Document service is separate and distinct from the rate structure for Non-Document service.

The GXG Non-Document service mail classification is for shipments that do not contain documents or general correspondence and for which duty may be assessed by the customs authority of the destination country. Merchandise and all other dutiable items may be shipped using only this GXG classification. As such, this mail classification is not a letter mail class pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3623(d). In order to provide for expedited customs clearance of these dutiable shipments, Non-Document service shipments will be subject to inspection by the Postal Service and its designated agents for purposes of air security and to determine that the contents are eligible for shipment via Non-Document service and that the contents are adequately