

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, the Chief Counsel for Regulation at the Department of Commerce has certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. There are currently five watch companies, all of which are located in the Virgin Islands. Although there is a reduction of the 2000 Virgin Islands territorial share of duty-exemption, the reduced amount still represents more than twice the amount of duty-exemption used in 1998. The statute does not permit a lower amount in the year 2000. Similarly, clarifying new entrant affiliation language and updating the creditable wage ceiling with a permanent annual mechanism will not impose any cost or have any other adverse economic effect on the producers.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rulemaking involves no new collection-of-information requirements subject to review and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Collection activities are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 0625-0040 and 0625-0134, and the amendments do not increase the information burden on the public or change the information collection requirements.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

E.O. 12866

It has been determined that the rulemaking is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 303

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Customs duties and inspection, Guam, Imports, Marketing quotas, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Virgin Islands, Watches and jewelry.

For reasons set forth above, the Departments amend 15 CFR Part 303 as follows:

PART 303—WATCHES, WATCH MOVEMENTS AND JEWELRY PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR Part 303 reads as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 97-446, 96 Stat. 2331 (19 U.S.C. 1202, note); Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4991; Pub. L. 94-241, 90 Stat. 263 (48 U.S.C. 1681, note); Pub. L. 106-36, 113 Stat. 127,167.

2. Section 303.2(a)(5) is revised to read as follows:

§ 303.2 Definitions and forms.

(a) Definitions. Unless the context indicates otherwise:

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(5) New firm is a watch firm which may not be affiliated through ownership or control with any other watch duty-refund recipient. In assessing whether persons or parties are affiliated, the Secretaries will consider the following factors, among others: stock ownership; corporate or family groupings; franchise or joint venture agreements; debt financing; and close supplier relationships. The Secretaries may not find that control exists on the basis of these factors unless the relationship has the potential to affect decisions concerning production, pricing, or cost. Also, no watch duty-refund recipient may own or control more than one jewelry duty-refund recipient. A new entrant is a new watch firm which has received an allocation.

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3. The first sentence of Section 303.2(a)(13) is amended by removing “—up to the amount per person shown in § 303.14(a)(1)(i)—” and adding “, up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned,” in its place.

4. Section 303.14(a)(1)(i) is amended by removing “, up to a maximum of \$38,650 per person,” and adding “, up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned,” in its place.

5. Section 303.14(e) is amended by removing “2,240,000” and adding “1,866,000” in its place.

6. The first sentence of Section 303.16(a)(9) is amended by removing “—up to the amount per person of \$38,650—” and adding “, up to an amount equal to 65% of the contribution and benefit base for Social Security as defined in the Social

Security Act for the year in which the wages were earned,” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Parts 100 and 165

[USCG-2000-6822]

Safety Zones, Security Zones, and Special Local Regulations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary rules issued.

SUMMARY: This document provides required notice of substantive rules adopted by the Coast Guard and temporarily effective between October 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999 which were not published in the **Federal Register**. This quarterly notice lists temporary local regulations, security zones, and safety zones of limited duration and for which timely publication in the **Federal Register** was not possible.

DATES: This notice lists temporary Coast Guard regulations that became effective and were terminated between October 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Documents indicated in this notice will be available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. You may electronically access the public docket for this notice on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Lieutenant Junior Grade Bruce Walker, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, telephone (202) 267-6233. For questions on viewing, or on submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation (202) 866-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: District Commanders and Captains of the Port

(COTP) must be immediately responsive to the safety needs of the waters within their jurisdiction; therefore, District Commanders and COTPs have been delegated the authority to issue certain local regulations. Safety zones may be established for safety or environmental purposes. A safety zone may be stationary and described by fixed limits or it may be described as a zone around a vessel in motion. Security zones limit access to vessels, ports, or waterfront facilities to prevent injury or damage. Special local regulations are issued to enhance the safety of participants and spectators at regattas or other marine events. Timely publication of these regulations in the **Federal Register** is often precluded when a regulation responds to an emergency, or when an event occurs without sufficient advance

notice. However, the affected public is informed of these regulations through Local Notices to Mariners, press releases, and other means. Moreover, actual notification is provided by Coast Guard patrol vessels enforcing the restrictions imposed by the regulation. Because mariners are notified by Coast Guard officials on-scene prior to enforcement action, **Federal Register** notice is not required to place the special local regulation, security zone, or safety zone in effect. However, the Coast Guard, by law, must publish in the **Federal Register** notice of substantive rules adopted. To meet this obligation without imposing undue expense on the public, the Coast Guard periodically publishes a list of these temporary special local regulations, security zones, and safety zones.

Permanent regulations are not included in this list because they are published in their entirety in the **Federal Register**. Temporary regulations may also be published in their entirety if sufficient time is available to do so before they are placed in effect or terminated. The safety zones, special local regulations and security zones listed in this notice have been exempted from review under Executive Order 12866 because of their emergency nature, or limited scope and temporary effectiveness.

The following regulations were placed in effect temporarily during the period October 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999, unless otherwise indicated.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Pamela M. Pelcovits,

Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law.

DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORT

District Docket	Location	Type	Effective Date
01-99-169	LARCHMONT HARBOR, NEW YORK	SAFETY ZONE	10/17/1999
01-99-170	SALEM HARBOR, SALEM, MA	SAFETY ZONE	10/16/1999
01-99-172	FIREWORKS DISPLAY, WASTON PT, MIDDLETOWN, RI	SAFETY ZONE	10/15/1999
01-99-177	HUDSON RIVER, JERSEY CITY, NJ	SAFETY ZONE	10/21/1999
01-99-179	HUDSON RIVER, MANHATTAN, NY	SAFETY ZONE	12/14/1999
01-99-182	NEW YORK HARBOR, UPPER BAY	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
01-99-188	DAVISVILLE DEPOT, DAVISVILLE, R.I.	SAFETY ZONE	11/06/1999
01-99-415	BRENTON POINT STATE PARK, RI	SAFETY ZONE	11/07/1999
05-99-082	NANTICOKE RIVER, SHARPTOWN, MD	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	10/09/1999
05-99-084	SPA CREEK, ANNAPOLIS HARBOR, MARYLAND	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	11/06/1999
05-99-088	JAMES RIVER, WILLIAMSBURG, VA	SAFETY ZONE	10/05/1999
05-99-091	MATTAPONI RIVER, WEST POINT, VA	SAFETY ZONE	10/02/1999
05-99-092	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	SAFETY ZONE	10/15/1999
05-99-093	WALLACE CREEK, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	10/30/1999
05-99-099	HARBOR PARK, NORFOLK, VA	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
05-99-100	POTOMAC RIVER	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
07-99-073	FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	11/04/1999
07-99-076	TAMPA BAY, ST. PETERSBURG, FL	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	11/17/1999
07-99-081	GREAT BAY, SAINT THOMAS, USVI	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/01/1999
07-99-084	FAJARDO, PUERTO RICO	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/11/1999
07-99-089	SAVANNAH RIVER, SAVANNAH, GA	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/31/1999
07-99-095	GREAT BAY, SAINT THOMAS, USVI	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/31/1999
07-99-096	CANEEL BAY, SAINT JOHN, USVI	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/31/1999
07-99-097	WATER BAY, SAINT THOMAS, USVI	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/31/1999
07-99-098	GREAT CRUZ BAY, SAINT JOHN, USVI	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/31/1999
08-99-065	CLEAR LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA, TX	SPECIAL LOCAL ...	12/11/1999
09-99-084	LAKE MICHIGAN, CHICAGO, IL	SAFETY ZONE	11/12/1999
13-99-045	COLUMBIA RIVER, PORTLAND, OR	SAFETY ZONE	10/30/1999
13-99-047	DUWAMISH WATERWAY, WA	SAFETY ZONE	11/30/1999
13-99-048	ELLIOTT BAY, WA	SAFETY ZONE	12/01/1999
13-99-049	BELL STREET HARBOR, ELLIOTT BAY, WA	SAFETY ZONE	12/02/1999
13-99-050	PIER 62/63, SEATTLE, WA	SAFETY ZONE	12/01/1999
13-99-051	WILLAMETTE RIVER, PORTLAND, OR	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999

COTP QUARTERLY REPORT

COTP Docket	Location	Type	Effective date
CHARLESTON 99-090	CHARLESTON, SC	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON MSU 99-012.	GULF OF MEXICO, M. 3.1 S. OF GALVESTON	SAFETY ZONE	11/01/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON 99-004	HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL	SAFETY ZONE	10/06/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON 99-005	HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL	SAFETY ZONE	10/20/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON 99-006	HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL	SAFETY ZONE	10/25/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON 99-007	HOUSTON, TX	SAFETY ZONE	12/01/1999
HOUSTON-GALVESTON 99-013	GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, M. MARKER 334.5	SAFETY ZONE	11/30/1999
JACKSONVILLE 99-092	ST. JOHNS RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, FL	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999

COTP QUARTERLY REPORT—Continued

COTP Docket	Location	Type	Effective date
JACKSONVILLE 99-075	ST. JOHNS RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, FL	SAFETY ZONE	11/04/1999
JACKSONVILLE 99-077	ST. JOHNS RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, FL	SAFETY ZONE	11/26/1999
JACKSONVILLE 99-084	INTERCOASTAL WATERWAYS, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
JACKSONVILLE 99-093	ATLANTIC CITY, FL	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
JACKSONVILLE 99-094	INDIAN RIVER, COCOA, FL	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
LA/LONG BEACH 99-006	PIERPONT BAY, VENTURA, CA	SAFETY ZONE	10/03/1999
LOUISVILLE 99-009	OHIO RIVER M, 435.2 TO 437.2	SAFETY ZONE	12/07/1999
MEMPHIS 00-001	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 781.5	SAFETY ZONE	10/13/1999
MEMPHIS 00-002	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 790.5	SAFETY ZONE	10/19/1999
MEMPHIS 00-003	WHITE RIVER, M. 0 TO 10	SAFETY ZONE	10/25/1999
MEMPHIS 00-004	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 607 TO 603	SAFETY ZONE	10/28/1999
MEMPHIS 00-005	WHITE RIVER, M. 0 TO 10	SAFETY ZONE	10/30/1999
MEMPHIS 00-008	WHITE RIVER, M. 0 TO 10	SAFETY ZONE	11/19/1999
MEMPHIS 00-009	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 604 TO 606	SAFETY ZONE	11/25/1999
MEMPHIS 00-010	WHITE RIVER, M. 0 TO 10	SAFETY ZONE	12/04/1999
MEMPHIS 00-011	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 561 TO 563	SAFETY ZONE	12/09/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-028	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 362.T TO 365	SAFETY ZONE	10/15/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-029	HALTER MARINE, NEW ORLEANS	SAFETY ZONE	11/06/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-030	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 221.7 TO 223.7	SAFETY ZONE	11/03/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-031	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 94 TO 96	SAFETY ZONE	11/18/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-032	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 94 TO 96	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-033	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 139.4	SAFETY ZONE	12/03/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-035	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 228 TO 231	SAFETY ZONE	12/11/1999
NEW ORLEANS 99-036	LWR MISSISSIPPI RIVER, M. 362.5 TO 365	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
PITTSBURGH 99-001	ALLEGHENY RIVER, M. 0.1 TO 1.0	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
PITTSBURGH 99-002	OHIO RIVER, M. 29.3 TO 29.5	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
PITTSBURGH 99-003	OHIO RIVER, M. 62.7 TO 62.9	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
PORT ARTHUR 99-001	NECHES RIVER, PORT NECHES, TX	SAFETY ZONE	12/03/1999
SAN DIEGO 99-012	COLORADO RIVER, AZ	SAFETY ZONE	10/30/1999
SAN DIEGO 99-013	SAN DIEGO BAY	SAFETY ZONE	11/31/1999
SAN FRANCISCO BAY 99-024	HUMBOLDT BAY, EUREKA, CA	SAFETY ZONE	10/01/1999
SAN FRANCISCO BAY 99-025	MONTEREY BAY, CA	SAFETY ZONE	10/09/1999
SAN FRANCISCO BAY 99-026	SAN FRANCISCO BAY, CA	SAFETY ZONE	10/20/1999
SAN FRANCISCO BAY 99-027	MONTEREY BAY, CA	SAFETY ZONE	11/12/1999
SAN FRANCISCO BAY 99-028	SAN FRANCISCO BAY, SAN FRANCISCO, CA	SAFETY ZONE	12/31/1999
SAN JUAN 99-078	SAN JUAN HARBOR, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO	SAFETY ZONE	11/20/1999
SAN JUAN 99-079	SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO	SAFETY ZONE	11/22/1999
TAMPA 99-069	TAMPA BAY, FL	SAFETY ZONE	10/12/1999
TAMPA 99-070	TAMPA BAY, FL	SAFETY ZONE	10/14/1999
TAMPA 99-071	WEST COAST, FL	SAFETY ZONE	10/15/1999

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[VA103-5047a; FRL-6534-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Virginia; Oxygenated Gasoline Program**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action on a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revision makes the oxygenated gasoline program a contingency measure of the maintenance plan for the Northern

Virginia area, which means that the oxygenated gasoline program would only be required to be implemented in the Northern Virginia area if there is a violation of the carbon monoxide (CO) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). EPA is approving this revision in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: This rule is effective on April 3, 2000 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by March 20, 2000. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business

hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this document the term "we" refers to EPA.

I. Introduction

Motor vehicles are significant contributors of carbon monoxide (CO) emissions. An important control measure to reduce these emissions is the use of oxygenates in motor vehicles' gasoline. Extra oxygen enhances fuel combustion, which tends to be less efficient in cold weather. The oxygen