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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0378]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River, Hannibal, MO

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation
from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Hannibal Railroad Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 309.9, at Hannibal, Missouri. The deviation is necessary to allow the replacement of eight wire rope lifting cables that operate the lift span. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position while the lift cables are replaced.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on or about June 5, June 7, June 12 and June 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0378 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2012-0378 in the "Keyword" box and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Eric A. Washburn, Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers, Coast Guard telephone 314-269-2378, email Eric.Washburn@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Norfolk Southern Corporation requested a temporary deviation for the Hannibal Railroad Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 309.9, at Hannibal, Missouri to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for four 6-hour individual closures while the eight wire rope lifting cables that operate the lift span are replaced. The closure period will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on or about June 5, June 7, June 12 and June 14, 2012.

Once the wire rope lifting cables are removed, the lift span will not be able to open, even for emergencies, until the replacement wire rope lifting cables are installed.

The Hannibal Railroad Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, which states the general requirement that drawbridges shall open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with the subpart.

There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Upper Mississippi River. The Hannibal Railroad Drawbridge, in the closed-to-navigation position, provides a vertical clearance of 21.1 feet above normal pool. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with the waterway users.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: May 2, 2012.

Eric A. Washburn,

Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Outbound International Mailings of Lithium Batteries and Other Dangerous Goods

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®) part 136, to incorporate standards that prohibit the outbound international mailing of lithium batteries and devices containing lithium batteries.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 16, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Falwell at 202-268-2576.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service is taking this action to bring its international mailing standards into compliance with international standards for the acceptance of dangerous goods in international mail.

International standards have recently been the subject of discussion by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), and the Postal Service anticipates that on January 1, 2013, customers will be able to mail specific quantities of lithium batteries internationally, when the batteries are properly installed in the personal electronic devices they are intended to operate.

Until such time that a less restrictive policy can be implemented consistent with international standards, and in accordance with UPU Convention, lithium batteries are not permitted in international mail. The UPU Convention and regulations are consistent with the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Technical Instructions). The Technical Instructions concerning the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Post do not permit "dangerous goods" as defined by the ICAO Technical Instructions in international mail. Currently, the only exceptions to this general prohibition relate to certain medical materials, infectious substances and radioactive materials when they are treated in accordance with additional requirements listed in the Technical Instructions. Lithium-ion cells and lithium metal batteries are listed in the Technical Instructions as Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods. The prohibition on mailing lithium batteries and cells internationally also applies to mail sent by commercial air transportation to and from an APO, FPO, or DPO location.

This final rule describes the prohibitions established for mailpieces containing lithium metal or lithium-ion cells or batteries and applies regardless of quantity, size, watt hours, and whether the cells or batteries are packed in equipment, with equipment, or without equipment.

The Postal Service will also make parallel changes to other USPS publications that make reference to the mailing lithium batteries such as Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*.

The Postal Service hereby adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM),