

organization (NRSRO), as that term is defined in § 270.2a-7 of this title. For an investment to qualify as a permitted investment, ratings are required as follows:

- (A) U.S. government securities need not be rated;
- (B) Municipal securities, government sponsored agency securities, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, and corporate notes, except notes that are asset-backed, must have the highest short-term rating of an NRSRO or one of the two highest long-term ratings of an NRSRO;
- (C) Corporate notes that are asset-backed must have the highest ratings of an NRSRO;
- (D) Sovereign debt must be rated in the highest category by at least one NRSRO; and
- (E) Money market mutual funds that are rated by an NRSRO must be rated at the highest rating of an NRSRO.

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(4) *Concentration and other limitations.* (i) *Direct investments.* (A) U.S. government securities and money market mutual funds shall not be subject to a concentration limit or other limitation.

(B) Securities of any single issuer of government sponsored agency securities held by a futures commission merchant or clearing organization may not exceed 25 percent of total assets held in segregation by the futures commission merchant or clearing organization.

(C) Securities of any single issuer of municipal securities, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, or corporate notes held by a futures commission merchant or clearing organization may not exceed 5 percent of total assets held in segregation by the futures commission merchant or clearing organization.

(D) Sovereign debt is subject to the following limits: a futures commission merchant may invest in the sovereign debt of a country to the extent it has balances in segregated accounts owed to its customers denominated in that country's currency; a clearing organization may invest in the sovereign debt of a country to the extent it has balances in segregated accounts owed to its clearing member futures commission merchants denominated in that country's currency.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 1, et al.

A New Regulatory Framework for Multilateral Transaction Execution Facilities, Intermediaries and Clearing Organizations; Rules Relating to Intermediaries of Commodity Interest Transactions; A New Regulatory Framework for Clearing Organizations; Exemption for Bilateral Transactions

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Final Rules; partial withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77962; 65 FR 77993, 65 FR 78020, 65 FR 78030), the Commission issued final rules promulgating a new regulatory framework to apply to multilateral transaction execution facilities, to market intermediaries and to clearing organizations. Due to the enactment of statutory revisions to the Commodity Exchange Act, the Commission is withdrawing these final rules with the exception of amendments to the Commission's rule concerning investment of customer funds, Rule 1.25, and conforming amendments to related rules (Rules 1.20, and 1.26-1.29). See 65 FR 78009-78013. The Commission is publishing a separate release elsewhere in this edition of the **Federal Register** concerning those rules.

DATES: As of December 28, 2000, the final rule published on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77962) is withdrawn.

As of December 28, 2000, the final rule published on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 78020) is withdrawn.

As of December 28, 2000, the final rule published on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 78030) is withdrawn.

As of December 28, 2000, the final rule published on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77993) is withdrawn, with the following exceptions:

The revision of 17 CFR 1.25, as amended on December 28, 2000, which is effective December 28, 2000;

The revision of 17 CFR 1.26, which is effective December 28, 2000; and

The amendments to 17 CFR 1.20, 1.27, 1.28 and 1.29, which are effective December 28, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Parts 100 and 165

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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 July 1, 2000 and September 30, 2000 which were not published in the **Federal Register**. This notice also contains 9 temporary final rules issued during the period of April 1, 2000, thru June 30, 2000, that were not included in the docket USCG 2000-7757. 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 April 1, 2000, and September 30, 2000.

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 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 Beard, 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