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**Federal Maritime  
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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC)**

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**46 CFR Ch. IV**

**Regulatory Plan and Unified Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory plan and semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 4(b) of Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Commission anticipates having under consideration, during the period from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007, actions in the areas listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning Commission rulemaking proceedings or the status of any matter listed below, contact: Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 602 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602) requires the publication of an agenda of items for which regulatory agencies may propose or promulgate a rule, which is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Section 4(b) of Executive Order 12866 also requires agencies to publish a regulatory agenda. The agendas include information on regulatory activities being conducted or reviewed during the succeeding 12 months by the Commission.

The following is the Commission's unified regulatory agenda. The agenda does not necessarily include all petitions for rulemakings that are under staff review.

In addition, the Commission maintains a compilation of the status of pending rulemaking proceedings and a listing of rules that have become final since the publication of the most recent regulatory agenda. This will be made available to the public, including the press and interested persons.

The Commission currently has no actions under consideration that constitute "significant regulatory actions" under the definition in Executive Order 12866. This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The Federal Maritime Commission's Statement of Regulatory and Deregulatory Priorities is included in part II.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

**Federal Maritime Commission—Final Rule Stage**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4002	Optional Filing of Form FMC-18, Application for a License as an Ocean Transportation Intermediary .....	3072-AC32

**Federal Maritime Commission—Long-Term Actions**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
4003	Port Restrictions and Requirements in the United States/Japan Trade (Docket No. 96-20) .....	3072-AB97
4004	Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility (Docket No. 02-15) .....	3072-AC22

**Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)**

**Final Rule Stage**

**4002. OPTIONAL FILING OF FORM FMC-18, APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AS AN OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY**

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 553; 31 USC 9701; 46 USC app 1702; 46 USC app 1706 to 1707; ...

**CFR Citation:** 46 CFR 515

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The FMC proposes to amend 46 CFR 515 to provide, as an optional

method of filing, that applicants for licensing may complete and submit applications electronically using the automated filing system provided by the Commission.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/06	
Final Action Effective	01/00/07	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3072-AC32

## Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

## Long-Term Actions

**4003. PORT RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES/JAPAN TRADE (DOCKET NO. 96-20)****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 46 CFR 551**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/13/96	61 FR 58160
Comment Period Extended to 01/20/97	12/27/96	61 FR 68200
NPRM Comment Period End	01/13/97	
Final Rule – Report Due 08/26/1999 and Every 180 Days Thereafter	03/04/97	62 FR 9696
Final Rule Effective	04/14/97	
Amendment to Final Rule	04/16/97	62 FR 18532
Final Rule Effectiveness Extended to 09/04/97	04/16/97	62 FR 18533
Status Reports and Comments Due 07/01/97	04/16/97	62 FR 18533
Status Reports and Comments Due 08/05/97	04/16/97	62 FR 18433
Amendment to Final Rule – Denial of Petition	10/20/97	62 FR 54396

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule Effectiveness Suspended 11/13/97	11/19/97	62 FR 61648
Final Rule Removed	06/07/99	64 FR 30245
Final Rule Removed Effective	06/07/99	
Report Due 11/07/2001 and Every 180 Days Thereafter	08/15/01	
Requirement for Reporting Revised	08/15/01	66 FR 42859
Next Action Undetermined		
<b>Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No</b>		
<b>Small Entities Affected:</b> Businesses		
<b>Government Levels Affected:</b> None		
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<b>RIN:</b> 3072-AB97		

**4004. PASSENGER VESSEL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (DOCKET NO. 02-15)****Priority:** Other Significant**CFR Citation:** 46 CFR 540**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/31/02	67 FR 66352

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/08/03	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	12/27/02	67 FR 79029
NPRM Comment Period End	04/08/03	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	04/08/03	68 FR 17003
Notice of Public Hearing To Be Held 06/11/2003	05/06/03	68 FR 23947
Requests To Participate in Public Hearing Due	05/28/03	
NPRM Comment Period End	05/30/03	
Next Action Undetermined		

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No****Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Sandra L. Kusumoto  
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