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Subpart Q—Oral Argument; Submittal for Final Decision (Rule 17)

§201.166 Oral argument.

If oral argument before the Administration is desired on exceptions or replies to exceptions to an initial, recommended, or tentative decision, or on a motion, petition, or application, a request therefor shall be made in writing properly addressed to the Administration. Any party may make such request irrespective of his filing exceptions or replies. If a brief on exceptions or replies thereto are filed, the request for oral argument shall be incorporated therein. Requests for oral argument on any motion, petition, or application shall be made in the motion, petition, or application or in the reply thereto. Requests for oral argument will be granted or denied in the discretion of the Administration, and, if granted, the notice of oral argument will set forth the order of presentation and the amount of time to be allotted. Those who appear before the Administration for oral argument should confine their argument to points of controlling importance and shall limit their argument to points upon which exceptions have been filed. Where the facts of a case are adequately and accurately dealt with in the initial, recommended, or tentative decision, parties should, as far as possible, address themselves in argument to the conclusions. Effort should be made by parties taking the same position to agree in advance of the argument upon those who are to present their side of the case. The names of persons who will argue and the amount of time requested by each should be received by the Administration not later than ten (10) days before the date set for the argument. Ordinarily, consolidation of appearances at oral argument will permit the parties' interests to be presented more effectively in the time allotted.

§201.167 Submission to Administration for final decision.

A proceeding will be deemed submitted to the Administration for its determination as follows: (a) If oral argument is had, on the date of completion thereof, or if memoranda on points of law are permitted to be filed after argument, the last date of such filing; (b) if oral argument is not had, the last date when exceptions or replies thereto are filed, or if exceptions are not filed, the expiration date for such exceptions or the date when all parties have stated that no exceptions will be filed; (c) in the case of an initial decision, the date of notice of the Administration to review the decision, if such notice is given.

Subpart R—Stay of Administration's Decision, Reopening of Proceedings (Rule 18)

§201.171 Stay of Administration's decision.

The Administration's decision or order shall be stayed pending resolution by the Administration of a petition for reopening, duly filed, and for so long as such Administration's action has not been finally disposed of in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of Department of Commerce Order 117 (Revised).

§201.172 Time for filing petition to reopen.

Except for good cause shown, and upon leave granted, petition to reopen under §201.174, shall be filed with the Administration within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the Administration's decision or order in the proceeding, unless a different period is fixed under §201.54.

§201.173 Reopening by Administration and modification or setting aside of decision.

Upon petition and a showing of compelling cause, filed in accordance with \$201.174, or on its own motion, the Administration may at any time reopen any proceeding under the regulation in this part for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration in whole or in part. After reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing or such other procedure as the Administration may direct, the Administration may alter, modify or set aside in whole or in part its decision therein if it finds such action is required by changed conditions in fact or law or by the public interest.