

§ 380.20

Subpart C—Records Retention Schedule

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§ 380.20 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to prescribe the procedure to be followed by contractors for the retention and disposal of books, records, and accounts created and maintained by them under construction or operating-differential subsidy contracts with the Maritime Administration/Maritime Subsidy Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Administration"). The minimum retention periods prescribed herein govern only the Administration's requirements for the preservation of the hereinafter specified books, records, and accounts. The failure to describe a particular book, record, or account shall not exempt a contractor from retaining the particular book, record, or account, unless expressly so authorized by the Administration.

(Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)); Pub. L. 97-31 (August 6, 1981); 49 CFR 1.66 (46 FR 47458, Sept. 28, 1981))

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§ 380.21 Reproduction.

(a) The records described in §380.24 may be microfilmed or otherwise reproduced in lieu of their retention in original form: *Provided*, That such reproductions shall not be made prior to completion of the audit of such records by the Administration.

(b) The following standards are established for reproduction processes:

(1) *Microfilm*. The film stock used in making photographic or microphotographic copies shall comply with Interim Federal Standard No. 125 covering photographic film and processed photographic film. The microfilm shall be regularly inspected for aging in accordance with Handbook 96, entitled, "Inspection of Processed Photographic Record Films for Aging Blemishes", published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards. If blemishes are detected, a dupli-

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cate copy of the roll or print shall be made immediately.

(2) *Photocopy*. Electrostatic or wet processes only.

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§ 380.22 Responsibility.

(a) Notwithstanding the minimum retention periods hereinafter set forth, it shall be the sole responsibility of any party subject to the provisions of this subpart to retain such books, records, and accounts:

(1) For the periods specifically provided by any statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements of the Administration, or

(2) Pertaining to or related to matters in litigation, to matters which knowingly may become involved in litigation, to unsettled claims of whatsoever nature, and to all unsettled matters specifically reserved by the parties at the time of any final accounting as may be required under statute, contract and/or agreement.

(b) With respect to books, records, and accounts which, subject to the provision of paragraph (a) of this section, are to be disposed of upon the expiration of the minimum retention period prescribed herein, there shall be filed with the Records Officer, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC, 20590, a written notification, at least thirty (30) days prior to the contemplated, disposal requesting permission to dispose of records. MARAD will accept electronic options (such as facsimile and Internet) for transmission of required information to MARAD, if practicable. The request shall be in such form that the books, records, and accounts can be readily identified. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notification the Records Officer shall grant approval for disposal, or advise the necessity for continued retention of all or any specified portion thereof. Failure of the Record Officer to reply within the thirty (30) days period following receipt by the Administration of such request shall constitute approval.