

Regulatory Assessment Requirements

The U.S. Parole Commission has determined that this interim rule does not constitute a significant rule within the meaning of Executive Order 12866. The interim rule will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 605(b), and is deemed by the Commission to be a rule of agency practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties pursuant to section 804(3)(c) of the Congressional Review Act.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 2

Administrative practice and procedure, Prisoners, Probation and parole.

The Amended Rule

■ Accordingly, the U.S. Parole Commission is adopting the following amendments to 28 CFR part 2.

PART 2—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 28 CFR part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 18 U.S.C. 4203(a)(1) and 4204(a)(6).

Subpart A—United States Code Prisoners and Parolees

■ 2. Section 2.35 is amended by revising the following paragraph (d):

§ 2.35 Mandatory release in the absence of parole.

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(d) If the Commission orders a military prisoner who is under the Commission's jurisdiction for an offense committed after August 15, 2001 continued to the expiration of his sentence (or otherwise does not grant parole), the Commission shall place such prisoner on mandatory supervision after release if the Commission determines that such supervision is appropriate to provide an orderly transition to civilian life for the prisoner and to protect the community into which such prisoner is released. The Commission shall presume that mandatory supervision is appropriate for all such prisoners unless case-specific factors indicate that supervision is inappropriate. A prisoner who is placed on mandatory supervision shall be deemed to be released as if on parole, and shall be subject to the conditions of release at § 2.40 until the expiration of the maximum term for which he was sentenced, unless the prisoner's sentence is terminated early by the appropriate military clemency board.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

Edward F. Reilly, Jr.,

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

31 CFR Part 800

Office of International Investment; Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions, and Takeovers by Foreign Persons

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends regulations that implement section 721 of Title VII of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (the "DPA"), as added by section 5021 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988. This rule amends only those provisions relating to the filing of voluntary notice with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS).

DATES: This final rule is effective as of April 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gay Sills, Director, Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-1860.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 136 of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-558) amended section 709 of the DPA by requiring that any regulation issued under the DPA be published in the **Federal Register** and that opportunity for public comment be provided for not less than thirty days. Accordingly, this regulation was published in proposed form in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2002. The Treasury Department received no comments. The regulations are therefore now being published in final form, exactly as proposed.

This final regulation provides parties that file a notice with CFIUS under section 721 with the option of filing electronically, providing just a single paper copy to CFIUS, or the option of continuing the current practice of providing CFIUS 13 paper copies. By filing electronically, companies could substantially decrease the paperwork burden of providing CFIUS notice under section 721.

Executive Order 12866

These regulations are not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12866 because they relate to foreign and

military affairs functions of the United States.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information provided for in this rule have been previously reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) under OMB control number 1505-0121. The proposed rule does not change the information collection other than to permit an alternative means of submitting notice to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

Administrative Procedure Act

Because this final rule relates to foreign and military affairs functions of the United States, it is not subject to a delayed effective date pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This regulation implements Section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 ("Section 721") (50 U.S.C. App. 2170) ("DPA"). Section 709 of the DPA (50 U.S.C. App. 2159) provides that the regulations issued under it are not subject to the rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). Notwithstanding this exemption, section 709 of the DPA was amended by section 136 of the Defense Production Act Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-558) to require any regulation issued under the DPA to be published in the **Federal Register** for at least thirty days to provide for public comment. This requirement subjected the proposed regulation to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). It is hereby certified that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. When the proposed rule was published, the Treasury Department estimated that an average filing requires about 60 hours of preparation time. This final rule will permit parties to file notifications electronically, which is expected to reduce the preparation time somewhat because it will no longer be necessary to provide 13 paper copies of a filing. Instead, a filer can provide a single paper copy to the Treasury Department along with the electronic filing. Therefore, the impact of the final rule on small companies that file notifications with CFIUS is expected to be marginally beneficial.

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 800

Foreign investments in United States, Investigations, National defense,

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority and Issuance

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 31 CFR part 800 is amended as follows:

PART 800—REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, AND TAKEOVERS BY FOREIGN PERSONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 800 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Section 721 of Pub. L. 100-418, 102 Stat. 1107, made permanent law by section 8 of Pub. L. 102-99, 105 Stat. 487 (50 U.S.C. App. 2170) and amended by section 837 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, 106 Stat. 2315, 2463; E.O. 12661, 54 FR 779, 3 CFR, 1988 Comp., p. 618.

■ 2. Section 800.401 is revised to read as follows:

§ 800.401. Procedures for notice.

(a) A party or parties to an acquisition subject to section 721 may submit a voluntary notice to the Committee of the proposed or completed acquisition by:

(1) Sending thirteen copies of the information set out in § 800.402 to the Staff Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“Staff Chairman”), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220; or

(2) Sending:

(i) One signed paper copy of the information set out in § 800.402 to the Staff Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“Staff Chairman”), Office of International Investment, Department of the Treasury, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220; and

(ii) One electronic copy of this same information in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) or Microsoft Word format to the following e-mail address: *CFIUS@do.treas.gov*. Electronic filings that exceed 5 Megabytes (MB) will need to be divided into smaller transmissions of no more than 5 MB each, which should be sent individually as attachments to separate e-mails.

(b) Any member of the Committee may submit an agency notice of a proposed or completed acquisition to the Committee through its Staff Chairman if that member has reason to believe, based on facts then available, that the acquisition is subject to section 721 and may have adverse impacts on the national security. In the event of agency notice, the Committee will

promptly furnish the parties to the acquisition with written advice of such notice.

(c) No agency notice, or review or investigation by the Committee, shall be made with respect to a transaction more than three years after the date of conclusion of the transaction, unless the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with other members of the Committee, requests an investigation.

(d) No communications other than those described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall constitute notice for purposes of section 721. In any case where a party or parties file(s) electronically under paragraph (a) of this section, the signed paper copy shall constitute the original copy, and CFIUS will not notify the parties of its acceptance of a filing until the original copy has been received by the Office of International Investment.

John B. Taylor,

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-03-024]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Long Island, New York Inland Waterway From East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the Wantagh State Parkway Bridge, mile 16.1, across Goose Creek at Wantagh, New York. Under this temporary deviation the bridge may remain in the closed position from 6 a.m. on April 1, 2003 through 4 p.m. on April 30, 2003. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate painting operations at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from April 1, 2003 through April 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wantagh State Parkway Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 16 feet at mean high water and 19 feet

at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.799(i).

The bridge owner, New York State Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations to facilitate painting operations at the bridge. The bridge must remain in the closed position to perform this work.

The Coast Guard coordinated this closure with the mariners who normally use this waterway to help facilitate this necessary bridge maintenance and to minimize any disruption to the marine transportation system.

Under this temporary deviation the Wantagh State Parkway Bridge will remain in the closed position from 6 a.m. on April 1, 2003 through 4 p.m. on April 30, 2003.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: March 28, 2003.

Vivien S. Crea,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Rhode Island Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Rhode Island. This action approves Rhode Island's one-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the Rhode Island serious ozone nonattainment area, submitted by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) on March 24, 2003. This action is based on the requirements of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990, related to one-hour ozone attainment demonstrations. In addition, EPA is establishing an attainment date of November 15, 2007, for the area, and is approving the contingency measures SIP, the 2007 motor vehicle emissions