

sending a Letter of Application in the manner set forth in § 725.25(c).

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■ 23. Section 725.190 is amended by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 725.190 Notice of commencement of manufacture or import.

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(d) *Where to submit.* All notices of commencement must be submitted to EPA in a manner set forth in this paragraph.

(1) *Older notices.* Notices of commencement for a MCAN submitted before April 6, 2010 must be submitted on paper either via U.S. mail to the Document Control Office (DCO) (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001 or submitted via courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004.

(2) *Newer notices.* For MCANs submitted on or after April 6, 2010, EPA will accept notices of commencement only if submitted in accordance with this paragraph:

(i) Notices of commencement may be submitted on paper on or before April 6, 2011. All paper-based notices of commencement must be generated using e-PMN reporting software and be completed through the finalization step of the software, and e-PMN software must be used to print the statement of withdrawal for submission to EPA. Paper notices of commencement must be submitted either via U.S. mail to the Document Control Office (DCO) (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001 or submitted via courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004.

(ii) Notices of commencement may be submitted as electronic files on optical disc on or before April 6, 2012. All notices of commencement submitted as electronic files on optical disc must be generated using e-PMN reporting software and be completed through the finalization step of the software. Optical discs containing electronic notices of commencement must be submitted by courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004.

(iii) Notices of commencement may be submitted electronically to EPA via CDX on or after April 6, 2010. After April 6, 2012 all notices of commencement must be submitted electronically to EPA via CDX. Prior to submission to EPA via CDX, such notices of commencement must be generated and completed using e-PMN reporting software. See 40 CFR 720.40(a)(2)(iv) for information on how to obtain e-PMN software.

■ 24. Section 725.975 is amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 725.975 EPA approval of alternative control measures.

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(b) Persons submitting a request for a determination of equivalency to EPA under this part, unless allowed by § 725.25(c) (1), (2), or (3), must submit the request to EPA via EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) using EPA-provided e-PMN software in the manner set forth in § 725.25(c). See 40 CFR 720.40(a)(2)(iv) for information on how to obtain e-PMN software. Support documents related to these requests must also be submitted to EPA via CDX using e-PMN software. If submitted on paper, requests must be submitted either via U.S. mail to the Document Control Office (DCO) (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; ATTN: SNUR Equivalency Determination or submitted via courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004; ATTN: SNUR Equivalency Determination. Optical discs containing electronic requests must be submitted by courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004; ATTN: SNUR Equivalency Determination. A request for a determination of equivalency must contain:

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■ 25. Section 725.984 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 725.984 Modification or revocation of certain notification requirements.

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(1) Any affected person may request modification or revocation of significant new use notification requirements for a microorganism that has been added to subpart M of this part using the

procedures described in § 725.980 by writing to the Director, or a designee, and stating the basis for such request. The request must be accompanied by information sufficient to support the request. Persons submitting a request to EPA under this part, unless allowed by § 725.25(c)(1), (c)(2), or (c)(3), must submit the request to EPA via EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) using EPA-provided e-PMN reporting software in the manner set forth in § 725.25(c). See 40 CFR 720.40(a)(2)(iv) for information on how to obtain the e-PMN software. Support documents related to these requests must also be submitted to EPA via CDX using e-PMN software. Paper requests must be submitted either via U.S. mail to the Document Control Office (DCO) (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; ATTN: Request to Amend SNUR or submitted via courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004; ATTN: Request to Amend SNUR. Optical discs containing electronic requests must be submitted by courier to the Environmental Protection Agency, OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. 6428, Washington, DC 20004; ATTN: Request to Amend SNUR.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 301-10

[FTR Amendment 2010-01; FTR Case 2010-301; Docket Number 2009-0020, Sequence 1]

RIN 3090-AJ01

Federal Travel Regulation; Privately Owned Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: GSA is amending the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to update the mileage reimbursement rates for using a privately owned automobile (POA), motorcycle or airplane for official travel. The new rates reflect the current vehicle operating costs as determined by

investigations conducted by GSA. This governing regulation sets the mileage reimbursement allowance for official travel for a POA at \$0.50, motorcycles at \$0.47, and airplanes at \$1.29.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective January 6, 2010.

Applicability Date: This final rule is applicable for official travel performed on and after January 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Secretariat (MVPR), Room 4041, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Mr. Cy Greenidge, Program Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Policy, at (202) 219-2349. Please cite FTR Amendment 2010-01; FTR case 2010-301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b), the Administrator of General Services has the responsibility to establish the privately owned vehicle (POV) mileage reimbursement rates that Federal employees are entitled to when they use a POA, motorcycle or airplane for official business. To set the rates, GSA is required to periodically investigate the cost to Government employees of operating a POV while on official travel, and consult with the Secretaries of Defense and Transportation, and representatives of Government employee organizations. GSA investigated the mileage rate costs for motorcycles and airplanes. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) conducted an investigative report on the mileage rates for a POA to compute the deductible cost of operating passenger vehicles for business purposes. GSA analyzed the data in the IRS report and adopted the findings. After consultation with the above-referenced Federal agencies and Government employee organizations, the Acting Administrator of General Services has determined the per mile operating costs for official use of a POA (including trucks) is \$0.50, \$0.47 for motorcycles, and \$1.29 for airplanes. As provided in 5 U.S.C. 5704(a)(1), the POA mileage reimbursement rate cannot exceed the single standard mileage rate established by the IRS. The IRS announced a new single standard mileage rate for automobiles of \$0.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010. The results of the investigative reports have been reported to Congress.

B. Executive Order 12866

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to

review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This final rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule is not required to be published in the **Federal Register** for notice and comment, and therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, does not apply.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FTR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

E. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This final rule is also exempt from congressional review prescribed under 5 U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 301-10

Government employees, Travel and transportation expenses.

Dated: December 28, 2009.

Stephen R. Leeds,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, under 5 U.S.C. 5701-5709, GSA amends 41 CFR Part 301-10 as set forth below:

PART 301-10—TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

■ 1. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 301-10 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707, 40 U.S.C. 121 (c); 49 U.S.C. 40118, Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-126, "Improving the Management and Use of Government Aircraft." Revised April 28, 2006.

■ 2. Amend the table in § 301-10.303 by revising the second, third, and fourth entries to read as follows:

§ 301-10.303 What am I reimbursed when use of a POV is determined by my agency to be advantageous to the Government?

For use of a	Your reimbursement is
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Privately owned airplane	¹ \$1.29
Privately owned automobile	¹ \$0.50

For use of a	Your reimbursement is
Privately owned motorcycle	¹ \$0.47
¹ Per mile.	

Note: The following attachment will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Attachment to Preamble

General Services Administration

Reporting to Congress—The Costs of Operating Privately Owned Vehicles

Paragraph (b) of Section 5707 of Title 5, United States Code, requires the Administrator of General Services to periodically investigate the cost to Government employees of operating privately owned vehicles (airplanes, automobiles, and motorcycles) while on official travel, to report the results of the investigations to Congress, and to publish the report in the **Federal Register**. This report on the privately owned vehicle reimbursement rates is being published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 28, 2009.

Stephen R. Leeds,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

Reporting to Congress—The Costs of Operating Privately Owned Vehicles

5 U.S.C. 5707(b)(1)(A) requires that the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Transportation, and representatives of Government employee organizations, conduct periodic investigations of the cost of travel and operation of privately owned vehicles (airplanes, automobiles, and motorcycles) to Government employees while on official travel, and report the results to the Congress at least once a year. 5 U.S.C. 5707(a)(1) requires that the Administrator of General Services issue regulations prescribing mileage reimbursement rates. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5707(b), the Administrator shall also determine the average, actual cost per mile for the use of each type of privately owned vehicle based on the results of these cost investigations. Such figures must be reported to the Congress within 5 working days after the cost determination has been made in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5707(b)(2)(C).

GSA investigated the mileage rate costs for motorcycles and airplanes. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) conducted an investigative report on the mileage rates for a POA to compute the deductible cost of operating passenger vehicles for business purposes. GSA analyzed the data in the IRS report and adopted the findings. As provided in 5 U.S.C. 5704(a)(1), the POA mileage reimbursement rate cannot exceed the single standard mileage rate established by the IRS. The IRS announced a new

single standard mileage rate for automobiles of \$0.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010. Based on the investigative reports, and in consultation with the above-specified parties, I have determined the per mile operating costs for official use of a POA (including trucks) is \$0.50, \$0.47 for motorcycles, and \$1.29 for airplanes. This report to Congress on the cost of operating POVs will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 0810141351-9087-02]

RIN 0648-XT42

Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; modification of a closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher Pacific cod by catcher/processors using hook-and-line gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to fully use the 2009 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod specified for the BSAI.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), December 31, 2009, through 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2009. Comments must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., A.l.t., January 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. You may submit comments, identified by RIN 0648-XT42, by any one of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the

Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.

- Fax: (907) 586-7557.
- Hand delivery to the Federal Building: 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK.

All comments received are a part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comment will generally be posted without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Furuness, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

NMFS closed directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher/processors using hook-and-line in the BSAI under § 679.20(d)(1)(iii) on November 16, 2009 (74 FR 59918, November 19, 2009).

NMFS has determined that as of December 28, 2009, approximately 500 metric tons of Pacific cod remain in the 2009 Pacific cod TAC in the BSAI. Therefore, in accordance with § 679.25(a)(1)(i), (a)(2)(i)(C), and (a)(2)(iii)(D), and to fully use the 2009 TAC of Pacific cod in the BSAI, NMFS is terminating the previous closure and is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher/processors using hook-and-line gear in the BSAI.

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay the opening of the Pacific cod fishery by Pacific cod by catcher/processors using hook-and-line gear in the BSAI. Immediate notification is necessary to allow for the orderly conduct and efficient operation of this fishery, to allow the industry to plan for the fishing season, and to avoid potential disruption to the fishing fleet and processors. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of December 28, 2009.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

Without this inseason adjustment, NMFS could not allow the fishery for Pacific cod by catcher/processors using hook-and-line gear in the BSAI to be harvested in an expedient manner and in accordance with the regulatory schedule. Under § 679.25(c)(2), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action to the above address until January 15, 2010.

This action is required by § 679.25 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 31, 2009.

William D. Chappell,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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