Federal Maritime Commission

Plan for Retrospective Review of Existing Rules – Request for Comments

The Commission has established the following <u>plan for retrospective review of</u> the Commission's existing rules.

Although the Commission promulgates regulations in accordance with applicable laws and after considering the shipping public's overall interest, the Commission recognizes that regulated entities or persons may have useful information and perspective as to the costs and burdens of the Commission's existing regulations, especially after the regulations have been implemented. Therefore, the Commission asks for the shipping public's comments and information on how to improve the Commission's existing regulations or programs. Comments and information regarding how to improve the Commission's regulations and programs may be mailed to:

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Comments and information may also be submitted electronically to secretary@fmc.gov. When submitting comments, include in the subject line: "Retrospective Review of Existing Rules."

The Commission requests that whenever feasible, the comments identify the Commission's regulations at issue by providing the Code of Federal Regulations citations. The comments should also provide the reasons and supporting information why the regulation or the Commission's program at issue should be modified or improved.

The purpose of this request is to review the Commission's existing regulations. Comments on proposed new rules should not be submitted, and comments should focus on how to improve the Commission's existing regulations. Further, this request is not to resolve or assist an individual person's or entity's specific complaints or interests. The comments will be most useful if they focus on rule changes or improvements that will achieve a broad benefit to the regulated industry and the shipping public.