

Application for Review filed in this proceeding pursuant to Section 1.420(j) of the Commission's Rules.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, MM Docket No. 93-136, adopted June 27, 1996, and released June 28, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Deputy Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

[DFARS Case 96-D312]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Petroleum Products From Caribbean Basin Countries

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to fully implement Section 8094 of the Fiscal Year 1994 Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 103-139). Section 8094 requires that the Department of Defense consider all qualified bids from any eligible country under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act as if they were offers from designated countries under the Trade Agreements Act.

DATES: *Effective date:* July 22, 1996.

Comment date: Comments on the interim rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before September 20, 1996, to be

considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 96-D312 in all correspondence related to this issue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This interim rule implements Section 8094 of the Fiscal Year 1994 Defense Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-139). This requirement was originally implemented at DFARS 225.401, 225.403(m)(4), and 225.403-70 under DFARS Case 93-D312. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on May 5, 1994 (59 FR 23169). The implementation at DFARS 225.403(m)(4) was limited to contracts awarded during fiscal year 1994. Because Section 8094 of Pub. L. 103-139 does not contain time limits, this rule removes the time limit at 225.403(m)(4). In addition, this rule amends DFARS 225.403-70 and 252.225-7007 to clarify that the definition of Caribbean Basin country end products includes petroleum and any end product derived from petroleum.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This interim rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq., because petroleum and products derived from petroleum are already subject to the Trade Agreements Act. The consideration of Caribbean Basin country offers of petroleum and products derived from petroleum is not expected to significantly affect the petroleum market in this country. Furthermore, the Trade Agreements Act and the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act apply only to acquisitions exceeding \$190,000 in value. An initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has therefore not been performed. Comments are invited from small businesses and other interested parties. Comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts will be considered in accordance with Section 610 of the Act. Such comments must be submitted separately and cite DFARS Case 96-D312 in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply. This interim rule does not impose any new information collection requirements which require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.

D. Determination to Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense that compelling reasons exist to promulgate this interim rule prior to affording the public an opportunity to comment. This action is necessary to fully implement Section 8094 of the Fiscal Year 1994 Defense Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-139). Comments received in response to the publication of this interim rule will be considered in formulating the final rule.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252

Government procurement.

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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 225 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

2. Section 225.403 is amended by removing paragraph (m)(4) and by adding in its place paragraph (g)(4) to read as follows:

225.403 Exceptions.

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(g) (4) In accordance with Section 8094 of the Fiscal Year 1994 Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 103-139), the exception for petroleum and any product derived from petroleum does not apply.

3. Section 225.403-70 is amended by revising the introductory text to read as follows:

225.403-70 Products subject to trade agreement acts.

Foreign end products subject to the Trade Agreements Act and NAFTA are those in the following Federal supply groups (FSG). If a product is not in one of the listed groups, the Trade Agreements Act and NAFTA do not apply. The definition of Caribbean Basin country end products in FAR 25.401 excludes those end products which are not eligible for duty-free treatment

under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b). However, 225.401 expands the definition of Caribbean Basin country end products to include petroleum and any product derived from petroleum. The list of products has been annotated to indicate those products which are eligible for designated and NAFTA countries, but are not presently eligible for Caribbean Basin countries.

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PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

4. Section 252.225–7007 is amended by revising the clause date to read “(JUL 1996)””; by revising the introductory text of paragraph (a)(1)(ii); by adding the word “and” at the end of paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C); by revising paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D); and by removing paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E). The revised text reads as follows:

252.225–7007 Trade Agreements.

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(a) * * *
(1) * * *

(ii) Excludes products, other than petroleum and any product derived from petroleum, that are not granted duty-free treatment under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703(b)). These exclusions presently consist of—

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(D) Watches and watch parts (including cases, bracelets, and straps) of whatever type, including, but not limited to, mechanical, quartz digital, or quartz analog, if such watches or watch parts contain any material which is the product of any country to which Harmonized Tariff Schedule column 2 rates of duty apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Part 225

[FRA Docket No. RAR–4, Notice No. 14]

Railroad Accident Reporting

[RIN 2130–AA58]

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: On June 18, 1996, FRA published a final rule (61 FR 30940) amending the railroad accident

reporting regulations at 49 CFR Part 225. The amendments to these regulations are effective January 1, 1997. Railroads are required to use the *FRA Guide for Preparing Accidents/Incidents Reports (FRA Guide)* when preparing the numerous required monthly reports and forms submitted to FRA. Instructions contained in the *FRA Guide* are provided to assist railroads in meeting this obligation. Various changes and revisions to the *FRA Guide* are necessary due to the revisions of the accident reporting regulations.

FRA thus gives notice of an open meeting to discuss revisions to the *FRA Guide*. Among the primary objectives of this meeting are to develop new codes for the Railroad Injury and Illness Summary (Continuation Sheet) (Form FRA F 6180.55a); to design new record layouts for magnetic media and electronic submission of reports to FRA; and to discuss and recommend any other changes to the *FRA Guide* necessary to implement the revisions to the accident reporting regulations. FRA invited all interested parties including representatives of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Information Exchange Forum on Uniformity in Reporting Committee, rail labor associations, trade associations, members of the public, as well as any other interested party. FRA may schedule additional meetings to the extent that interest is expressed by parties.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to commence at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30th and to conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1st. It is anticipated that the meeting will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30th and on Wednesday, July 31st.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hall of States Conference Center, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. The room number for the meeting will be posted in the lobby of this building. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert L. Finkelstein, Staff Director, Office of Safety Analysis, Office of Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202–501–4863 or 202–366–0543); or Marina C. Appleton, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202–366–0628).

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Deputy Federal Railroad Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 630

[I.D. 062796B]

Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; Drift Gillnet Closure Postponement

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

ACTION: Closure postponement.

SUMMARY: NMFS postpones the closure of the drift gillnet fishery for swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. On July 9, 1996, NMFS announced a closure date of July 17, 1996. However, NMFS has determined that the adjusted second semiannual subquota for swordfish that may be harvested by drift gillnet will not be reached on or before July 17, 1996, as was previously determined. This closure postponement will allow vessels to continue to fish and is necessary to allow the quota to be reached.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This postponement action is effective July 17, 1996. The closure that published on July 9, 1996 at 61 FR 35971 is postponed until 2330 hours, local time, July 19, 1996, and will be in effect through 2400 hours, local time, November 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald G. Rinaldo, 301-713- 2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic swordfish fishery is managed under the authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*).

The 1996 swordfish Total Allowable Catch (TAC) allows for an Atlantic swordfish drift gillnet subquota of 22.5 mt dressed weight (49,604 lb) for the January 1 to June 30 period, and a subquota of 23.45 mt dressed weight (51,698 lb) for the July 1 to November 30 period. NMFS estimates that approximately 33,183 lb (15.0 mt) were caught during the first period subquota. As required under applicable regulations, the remaining portion of the