

§§ 97.23, 97.25, 97.27, 97.29, 97.31, 97.33, 97.35 [Amended]

By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME or TACAN; § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29 ILS, ILS/DME, ISMLS, MLS, MLS/DME, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33 RNAV SIAPs; and § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs, identified as follows:

* * * *Effective February 26, 1998*

Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, LOC RWY 22R, Orig
 Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, ILS RWY 22R, Amdt 8, Cancelled
 Little Rock, AR, Adams Field, GPS RWY 4L, Orig
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 6R, Amdt 15
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 6L, Amdt 10
 Los Angeles, CA, Los Angeles Intl, ILS RWY 7R, Amdt 3
 Porterville, CA, Porterville Muni, VOR OR GPS-A, Amdt 1
 Rockford, IL, Greater Rockford, ILS RWY 7, Amdt 1
 Owensboro, KY, Owensboro-Daviess County, VOR RWY 5, Orig
 Owensboro, KY, Owensboro-Daviess County, GPS RWY 5, Orig
 Goldsboro, NC, Goldsboro-Wayne Muni, LOC RWY 23, Orig, Cancelled
 Goldsboro, NC, Goldsboro-Wayne Muni, ILS RWY 23, Orig
 Murfreesboro, TN, Murfreesboro Muni, NDB RWY 18, Orig
 Murfreesboro, TN, Murfreesboro Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 18, Amdt 2, Cancelled

* * * *Effective March 26, 1998*

Escanaba, MI, Delta County, VOR RWY 36, Orig
 Escanaba, MI, Delta County, VOR OR GPS RWY 18, Amdt 7A, Cancelled
 Greenville, MS, Mid Delta Regional, LOC BC RWY 36R, Amdt 8A, Cancelled

* * * *Effective April 23, 1998*

Phoenix, AZ, Williams Gateway, GPS RWY 30C, Orig
 Danielson, CT, Danielson, GPS RWY 31, Orig
 New Port Richey, FL, Tampa Bay Executive, GPS RWY 8, Orig, Cancelled
 Casey, IL, Casey Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 4, Amdt 7
 Mount Carmel, IL, Mount Carmel Muni, NDB OR GPS RWY 4, Amdt 5
 Mount Carmel, IL, Mount Carmel Muni, VOR OR GPS RWY 22, Amdt 9
 French Lick, IN, French Lick Muni, NDB RWY 8, Orig
 Iola, KS, Allen County, NDB RWY 1, Amdt 1
 Iola, KS, Allen County, GPS RWY 1, Orig
 Iola, KS, Allen County, GPS RWY 19, Orig
 Churchville, MD, Harford County, GPS RWY 10, Orig
 Ortonville, MN, Ortonville Muni-Martinson Field, NDB RWY 34, Amdt 2
 Ortonville, MN, Ortonville Muni-Martinson Field, GPS RWY 34, Orig
 Wilmington, NC, New Hanover International, GPS RWY 6, Orig

Wilmington, NC, New Hanover International, GPS RWY 24, Orig
 Laconia, NH, Laconia Muni, GPS RWY 26, Orig
 Ticonderoga, NY, Ticonderoga Muni, GPS RWY 2, Orig
 Ticonderoga, NY, Ticonderoga Muni, GPS RWY 20, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME OR GPS-A, Amdt 8, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME-A, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, NDB OR GPS, RWY 22, Amdt 1, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, NDB-B, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME RNAV OR GPS RWY 31, Amdt 2, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME RNAV RWY 31, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, VOR/DME OR RNAV RWY 13, Amdt 2, Cancelled
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 13, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 17, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 31, Orig
 New Braunfels, TX, New Braunfels Muni, GPS RWY 35, Orig

Note: The FAA published the following amendments in Docket No. 29114; Amdt. No. 1846 to Part 97 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (63 FR 2605, dated January 16, 1998) under § 97.33 effective February 26, 1998 which are hereby rescinded:

Manville, NJ, Central Jersey Regional, GPS RWY 7, Orig
 Wisconsin Repairs, WI, Alexander Field South Wood County, GPS RWY 20, Orig

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****15 CFR Part 303****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Insular Affairs**

[Docket No. 971021249-8006-02]

RIN 0625-AA50

Limit on Duty-Free Insular Watches in Calendar Year 1998

AGENCIES: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the ITA regulations, which govern duty-exemption allocations and duty-refund entitlements for watch producers in the

United States' insular possessions (the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa) and the Northern Mariana Islands. The amendments establish the total quantity and respective territorial shares of insular watches and watch movements which are allowed to enter the United States free of duty during calendar year 1998 and make a minor adjustment to the verification of shipments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published proposed regulatory revisions on November 5, 1997 (62 FR 59829) and invited comments. We received comments from the U.S. Small Business Administration contending that we had not provided sufficient information for the public to evaluate the merits of the agencies' certification under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and that the proposed reduction in the duty-free allocation exceeded the statutory limit of no more than 10% a year. We address these comments below.

With respect to the comment concerning the Regulatory Flexibility Act, we have included a more detailed explanation, including the nature of the industry, the number of small firms involved, and the effect, if any, on those firms from the reduction in the annual duty-exemption watch allocation. See the "Regulatory Flexibility Act" section below.

Regarding the contention that the proposed reduction exceeds the amount specified by the regulations, we agree and have made the necessary correction. The limit as to the maximum allowable reduction became a factor this year because of reductions that had been made in previous years, a factor which was inadvertently overlooked in the proposed allocation revisions for calendar year 1998. Section 303.3(b)(2) of the Department Regulations (15 CFR 303.3(b)(2)) specifies that "the total annual duty-exemption shall not be decreased by more than 10% of the quantity established for the preceding calendar year, * * *" The regulations further stipulate that "[n]o territorial share shall be less than 500,000 units." 15 CFR 303.4(b). The total annual duty-exemption for 1997 was 4,600,000 units of which 3,100,000 units were allocated to the Virgin Islands, and 500,000 units to Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands respectively. See *Changes in Procedures for the Insular Possessions Watch Program*, 61 FR 55883 (Oct. 30, 1996). The proposed total annual duty-exemption of 4,100,000 units for calendar year 1998

would have resulted in a reduction of 10.87 percent from total units allocated for 1997. Accordingly, we have revised the 1998 duty-exemption such that the total annual duty-exemption has been reduced by no more than 10 percent from the preceding year. Because all but the Virgin Islands have been allocated the minimum allowable units, we have revised the Virgin Islands annual duty-exemption upwards from the proposed limit of 2,600,000 units to 2,640,000 units. While this change for the Virgin Islands represents a decrease of 14.84 percent from the 1997 allocation of 3,100,000 units, the total exemption for all of the insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands is within the governing 10 percent limit set out in the Departments' Regulation. 15 CFR 303.3(b)(2). As we discuss further in the "Regulatory Flexibility Act" section, we believe these allocations are more than sufficient to meet the needs of the watch companies subject to these regulations.

The insular possessions watch industry provision in Sec. 110 of Pub. L. No. 97-446 (96 Stat. 2331) (1983) as amended by Sec. 602 of Pub. L. No. 103-465 (108 Stat. 4991) (1994) additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 91 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior, acting jointly, to establish a limit on the quantity of watches and watch movements which may be entered free of duty during each calendar year. The law also requires the Secretaries to establish the shares of this limited quantity which may be entered from the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Regulations on the establishment of these quantities and shares are contained in Sec. 303.3 and 303.4 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 303.3 and 303.4). The Departments establish for calendar year 1998 a total quantity of 4,140,000 units and respective territorial shares as shown in the following table:

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| Virgin Islands | 2,640,000 |
| Guam | 500,000 |
| American Samoa | 500,000 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 500,000 |

The rule also modifies section 303.6(a) by allowing producers to provide other means of verification satisfactory to the Secretaries when we are unable to verify shipments through the U.S. Customs Service.

This final rule does not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 12612.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulation has certified to the Chief Counsel, Small Business Administration, that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This is because the rulemaking affects only the five watch companies currently participating in the insular possessions watch program, all of which are located in the Virgin Islands. In 1996 these companies used less than half of the territorial share of duty-exemption for the Virgin Islands. Production to date (according to monthly watch production reports received from the Government of the Virgin Islands) indicates that these same companies will again use less than half the territorial share allocated for 1997. Based on these facts, we conclude that the annual duty-exemption allocation of 2,640,000 units will more than adequately meet the aggregate requirements of these Virgin Islands companies for calendar year 1998. Accordingly, the 1998 annual duty-exemption established for the Virgin Islands should not impose any cost or have any economic effect on these small companies.

This action establishes the respective amounts available for allocation. The allocation itself, based on verified data contained in the companies' annual applications due by January 31, 1998, will be published later in 1998, pursuant to 15 CFR 303.5 and 303.6.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rulemaking involves information collection activities subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. which are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0625-0134. The amendments would have no effect on the information burden on the public.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

It has been determined that this rule is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 303

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Customs duties and inspection, Guam, Imports, Marketing quotas, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping

requirements, Virgin Islands, Watches and jewelry.

For reasons set forth above, we are amending 15 CFR Part 303 as follows:

PART 303—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 15 CFR Part 303 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 94-241, 90 Stat. 263 (48 U.S.C. 1681, note); Pub. L. 97-446, 96 Stat. 2331 (19 U.S.C. 1202, note); Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4991.

§ 303.6 [Amended]

2. Section 303.6(a) is amended by adding to the second to last sentence “, or verified by other means satisfactory to the Secretaries,” after the words U.S. Customs Service.

§ 303.14 [Amended]

3. Section 303.14(e) is amended by removing “3,100,000” and adding “2,640,000” in its place.

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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Allen Stayman,

Director, Office of Insular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 946

[VA-111-FOR]

Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing the approval of a proposed amendment to the Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Program (hereinafter referred to as the Virginia Program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), 30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq., as amended. The proposed amendment makes changes to the Ranking and Selection section and to the AML Water Project Evaluation form. The amendment is intended to revise the Virginia program to be consistent with SMCRA, and to improve the efficiency of the Virginia program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert A. Penn, Director, Big Stone Gap