

Designation Branch of the Exchange Visitor Program Services. Exchange Visitor Program Services has been part of the Department since October 1, 1999, pursuant to the consolidation of the United States Information Agency and the Department of State as mandated by the Foreign Affairs Consolidation Act of 1998.

DATES: This rule is effective December 30, 1999. As of December 30, 1999, the effective date for the regulations published September 27, 1999, at 64 FR 51894–51896, revising 22 CFR 514.90, is delayed indefinitely.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Lawrence, Branch Chief, Program Designation Branch, Exchange Visitor Program Services, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State 301 4th Street, SW, Room 734, Washington, DC 20547; telephone (202) 401–9810; facsimile (202) 401–9809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This rule removes the text of a former regulation of the United States Information Agency, which appeared at 22 CFR 514.90(a), in order to correct a prior administrative error.

Further, on September 27, 1999, the United States Information Agency published in the **Federal Register**, at 64 FR 51894–51896, an interim rule concerning user fees. This rule, initially scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2000, established new fees at 22 CFR 514.90(b). Such fees would enable the State Department to recover the full cost associated with its administrative processing of requests by Program participants for an extension, change of category, or reinstatement of their program status. Also, it would recoup costs associated with processing requests for designation of exchange visitor programs as well as non-routine requests for the Form IAP–66 submitted by designated sponsors on an urgent or expedited basis.

The Department of State received five sets of Comments on the September 27, 1999 interim final rule on user fees. These comments were from non-government organizations involved in international exchanges. They expressed a desire that the fees be delayed for a number of reasons, including allowing time for the Department to further consult with the exchange community on the matter, and for integration of the Program Designation Branch within the Department as the result of the consolidation of United States Information Agency and the Department of State. Based on a review of the comments, the Department believes that the interim final rule, as published, is

programmatically sound. The Department has, however, also determined that additional time is needed to institute an appropriate collection, recording and accounting system within the new State Department environment. The Department, therefore, has decided to postpone indefinitely the effective date of the user fees for Program Designation services until the administrative process for fees is established. This rule has no effect on the user fee that is currently being charged for applications for waiver of the two-year home-country residence requirement of section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as formerly set forth in 22 CFR 514.90(b), and as now set forth in 22 CFR 22.1 item 72. The Department of State will make the interim final rule effective at a later date by amending 22 CFR 22.1 to include the fees formerly listed in the interim final rule 22 CFR 514.90(b) published at 64 FR 51894–51896.

List of Subjects

22 CFR Part 22

Fees and funds, Foreign Service, Passports and visas.

22 CFR Part 514

Cultural Exchange Programs.

For the reasons set forth above, pursuant to the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681–761, Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

CHAPTER V—BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PART 514—[REMOVED]

1. Part 514, consisting of § 514.90, is removed.

Dated: December 29, 1999.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

Dated: December 29, 1999.

Susan Andross,

Congressional and External Affairs Coordinator.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

Patrick F. Kennedy,

Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01–99–206]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Passaic River, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

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 NJTRO Newark-Harrison (Morristown Line) Bridge, mile 5.8, across the Passaic River between Newark and Harrison, New Jersey. This deviation from the regulations allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from 2 a.m. on January 7, 2000, to 2 a.m. on January 9, 2000. This action is necessary to facilitate mechanical repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective January 7, 2000, through January 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668–7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NJTRO Newark-Harrison (Morristown Line) Bridge, mile 5.8, across the Passaic River between Newark and Harrison, New Jersey, has a vertical clearance of 15 feet at mean high water, and 20 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The bridge owner, New Jersey Transit, requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to facilitate mechanical repairs at the bridge. The existing operating regulations listed at 33 CFR 117.739(g) require the bridge to open on signal, if at least a one-hour advance notice is given to the drawtender at the Upper Hack Bridge. An additional half-hour delay in opening is permitted if the drawtender is not at the Upper Hack Bridge and at the Lower Hack Bridge. From 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, the draw need not open for vessel traffic.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the owner of the NJTRO Newark-Harrison (Morristown Line) Bridge to keep the bridge in the closed position from 2 a.m. on January 7, 2000, through 2 a.m. on January 9, 2000. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due

speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

R.M. Larrabee,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50635; FRL-6055-2]

RIN 2070-AB27

Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is promulgating significant new use rules (SNURs) under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 40 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) and subject to TSCA section 5(e) consent orders issued by EPA. Today's action requires persons who intend to manufacture, import, or process these substances for a significant new use to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing the manufacturing or processing of the substance for a use designated by this SNUR as a significant new use. The required notice will provide EPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use, and if necessary, to prohibit or limit that activity before it occurs to prevent any unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment. EPA is promulgating this SNUR using direct final procedures.

DATES: The effective date of this rule is March 6, 2000 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment or notice of intent to submit adverse comment before February 4, 2000. This rule shall be promulgated for purposes of judicial review at 1 p.m. (e.s.t.) on January 19, 2000.

If EPA receives adverse comment or notice before February 4, 2000 that someone wishes to submit adverse or critical comments on EPA's action in establishing a SNUR for one or more of the chemical substances subject to this rule, EPA will withdraw the SNUR before the effective date for the

substance for which the comment or notice of intent to comment is received and will issue a proposed SNUR providing a 30-day period for public comment.

ADDRESSES: Comments or notice of intent to submit adverse or critical comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-50635 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Joe Carra, Deputy Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone numbers: (202) 554-1404 and TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: James Alwood, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-435, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number: (202) 260-1857; e-mail address: alwood.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture, import, process, or use the chemical substances contained in this rule. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of Potentially Affected Entities
Chemical manufacturers	325	Manufacturers, importers, processors, and users of chemicals
Petroleum and coal product industries	324	Manufacturers, importers, processors, and users of chemicals

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification

System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action applies to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions in 40 CFR 721.5. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. You may also obtain copies of the notice of availability documents for the 835 (63 FR 4259, January 28, 1998) (FRL-5761-7), 850 (62 FR 16486, April 15, 1996) (FRL-5363-1), and 870 (63 FR 41845, August 5, 1998) (FRL-5740-1) series OPPTS harmonized test guidelines at this same site. To access these documents, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. The OPPTS harmonized test guidelines referenced in this document are available on EPA's Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/OPPTS-Harmonized/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS-50635. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal