

explain how you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), the Coast Guard would assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. The proposed rulemaking would provide small businesses or organizations an opportunity to comment and will provide a point of contact for any questions on the proposed rulemaking's provisions and its options for compliance. The Coast Guard will provide State's Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) with copies of the proposed rulemaking for further distribution. Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal Regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Collection of Information

This proposed rule does not provide for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. *et seq.*).

Questions

The Coast Guard requests your comments and any data or information that would answer the following questions, as well as comments on any other part of the current regulations that should be revised. In responding to a question, please explain your reasons for each answer so that we can carefully weigh the consequences and impact of any future requirements we may propose. In addition, please provide relevant data (data on operational incidents resulting in personal injury, property damage, or pollution would be particularly useful), if possible that would support the need for excluding commercial vessels from certain requirements regarding the carriage of paper navigational charts, and publications.

Usage

1. Should ECDIS systems be allowed as an alternative to paper charts for commercial vessels?
2. Which categories of self-propelled vessels (1600 or more gross tons) will install the optional ECDIS system as defined by IMO, as an alternative for the paper charts required by 33 CFR part 164?
3. How many self-propelled vessels of less than 1600 gross tons may install an ECDIS system?
4. If you are planning to install ECDIS, what factors led you to this decision?
5. If you are not planning to install ECDIS, what factors led you to this decision?
6. Are you considering ECDIS as a stand-alone unit, or as part of an Integrated Bridge System?

Costs

1. What is the cost for an ECDIS system (software/hardware)?
2. How much would you estimate it would cost to have an ECDIS system installed on your vessel?
3. Once the ECDIS system is installed, what kind of maintenance would the system need?
4. How much does the maintenance of the system cost and how often (annual, quarterly, monthly) would it need to be conducted?
5. What is the average operational life of the ECDIS system? Is there a projected time when the system should be replaced?
6. What does it cost to update electronic charts? How is the update information provided? How often is the update information provided?
7. How does the electronic chart service compare to your current service for paper charts?
8. What are the economic benefits to a company that would use ECDIS instead of existing paper charts? What other potential benefits can be provided by the use of ECDIS?
9. Are there other electronic charting and navigational systems that should be considered?
10. How many paper charts are purchased on average per year? How much do the charts cost? How much does it cost to have the paper charts updated and how often are they updated (annually, quarterly, monthly)?

Operations

1. What kind of training would be required to use an ECDIS system?
2. What would be the estimated time period for the training and what are the involved costs?
3. Who would be responsible for conducting the training?

4. What are the potential benefits of using an ECDIS system in lieu of paper charts on board a vessel?

5. IMO requires an acceptable backup for ECDIS systems. What is an acceptable backup system (A second, independent ECDIS system, an electronic charting system, manually updated and corrected paper charts)? If paper, how many charts and what scale do you recommend?

6. Which electronic navigation system components need to be backed up (i.e. power, positioning, communications)?

7. What means does an ECDIS use to provide voyage reconstruction for the purpose of marine casualty investigation and how long does the system retain this data?

8. Are there mediums to share and display this data?

9. Can ECDIS display charts and the navigation publications simultaneously?

Miscellaneous

1. Should we allow electronic versions of publications as well as charts?

2. How would any proposed regulation affect small entities?

Comments are not limited to the preceding questions and are invited on any aspect of this proposal or of implementing the electronic charting and navigation requirements for commercial vessels.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD) State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern the permitting of stationary sources of air emissions. We are proposing to approve local rules to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by June 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to Gerardo Rios at the Region IX mailing address listed below. Copies of the rules and EPA's evaluation report are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules are available for inspection at the following locations:

Permits Office (AIR-3), Air Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Butte County Air Quality Management District, 2525 Dominic Drive, Suite J, Chico, CA 95928.

A courtesy copy of the rules may be available via the Internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/drdbtxt.htm>. However, these versions of the rules may be different than the versions submitted to EPA for approval. Readers are cautioned to verify that the adoption date of the rule listed is the same as the rule submitted to EPA for approval. The official submittal is only available at the agency addresses listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Wampler, Permits Office, (AIR-3), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the following local rules: BCAQMD 403, 422, 424, 1105, 4-3 (recision), 4.5A (recision), 4.5B (recision), 4-6 (recision), 4-6A (recision), 4.9 (recision), and 4-11 (recision). In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving action on these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Laura Yoshii,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 67

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Vessel Documentation: Lease-Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to amend its regulations on the documentation of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade. These proposals address statutory amendments eliminating certain barriers to seeking foreign financing by lease for U.S.-flag vessels. These proposals would clarify the information needed to determine the eligibility of a vessel financed in this manner for a coastwise endorsement.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 2, 2001.

Comments sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on collection of information must reach OMB on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2001-8825), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call Patricia Williams, Deputy Director, National Vessel Documentation Center, Coast Guard, telephone 304-271-2506. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2001-8825) indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.