

adequately decide, based on prevailing ice conditions, whether to transit, taking into account individual vessel handling characteristics and specifications. If necessary to enhance safety, however, the Captain of the Port Baltimore may still impose restrictions on individual vessels on a case-by-case basis. This change will also make procedures in the COTP Baltimore zone consistent with other zones' ice season procedures.

The Captain of the Port Baltimore plans to establish a hot line that mariners can call for information about ice conditions and recommendations about which channels to transit. Because the ice season varies with the weather, Activities Baltimore will announce by Broadcast Notice to Mariners and publication in Local Notice to Mariners the start of the hot line and the phone number to call. The information about the hot line will be announced at least four times daily, and the broadcasts will continue throughout the ice season.

#### Discussion of Rules

This direct final rule removes the regulation in 33 CFR 165.503 that established a Regulated Navigation Area in the Chesapeake Bay during the ice season, typically between December and March of each year.

#### Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. If has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

#### Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), the Coast Guard must consider the economic impact on small entities of a rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

This direct final rule removes a regulation that imposed restrictions on vessels identified in 33 CFR 165.510(c) that transited in the described Regulated Navigation Area between December and March. Therefore, the Coast Guard finds that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Any comments submitted in response to this finding will be evaluated under the criteria described earlier in the preamble for comments.

#### Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

#### Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

#### Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2 of Commandant Instruction M16475.IB, (as revised by 59 FR 38654, July 29, 1994), this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reports and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

#### Regulations

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

#### PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 33 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6 and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

#### § 165.503 [Removed]

2. Remove § 165.503.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 222

#### Delegations of Authority

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule amends Postal Service regulations on delegation of authority to bring this regulation in line with the Postal Service's current Human Resources organizational structure.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 30, 1998.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Amendment of § 222.5(a)(7) is needed to identify delegation level consistent with the Human Resources organizational structure.

The Manager, Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition is making this revision. This is a change in agency rules of organization that does not substantially affect any rights or obligations of private parties. Therefore, it is appropriate for their adoption by the Postal Service to become effective immediately.

#### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 222

Authority delegations (Government agencies).

Accordingly, the Postal Service adopts this amendment to 39 CFR part 222 as specifically set forth below:

#### PART 222—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 222 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404, 409; Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. No. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

#### § 222.5 [AMENDED]

2. Section 222.5(a)(7) is amended by striking "EAS-16 and above" and inserting "EAS-15 and above".

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