

■ **Par. 3.** Section 1.367(a)–8(r)(2) is amended by revising the paragraph heading to read as follows:

§ 1.367(a)–8 Gain recognition agreement requirements.

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(2) *Applicability to transfers occurring before March 13, 2009* * * *

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 602

OMB Control Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

CFR Correction

In Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 600 to End, revised as of April 1, 2008, on page 145, in § 602.101, in the table in paragraph (b), add the entry “1545–1511” to the second column for § 1.468A–7T and remove the entry “1.545–1511,” from the first column following § 1.468A–3T(h).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[USCG–2009–0005]

RIN 1625–AA87

Temporary Security Zone; Freeport LNG Basin, Freeport, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone in the Freeport LNG Basin. This security zone is needed to protect vessels, waterfront facilities, the public, and other surrounding areas from destruction, loss, or injury caused by sabotage, subversive acts, accidents, or other actions of a similar nature. Entry into this zone would be prohibited,

except for vessels that have obtained the express permission from the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or his designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 12 p.m. (noon) on January 15, 2009 until 12 a.m. (noon) on April 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [USCG–2009–0005] and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, selecting the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, inserting USCG–2009–0005 in the Docket ID box, pressing Enter, and then clicking on the item in the Docket ID column. This material is also available for inspection or copying at two locations: the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays and the Marine Safety Unit Galveston, 3101 FM 2004 Texas City, Texas 77591 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Cliff Harder, Marine Safety Unit Galveston, Texas, at 409–978–2705. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM, and under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Publishing a NPRM and delaying its effective date would be contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to reduce potential methods of attack on vessels, waterfront facilities, and adjacent population centers located within the zones.

Background and Purpose

Heightened awareness of potential terrorist acts requires enhanced security of our ports, harbors, and vessels. To enhance security, the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston is establishing a temporary security zone.

This rule will create a new temporary security zone within the port of Freeport, TX. This zone would protect waterfront facilities, persons, and

vessels from subversive or terrorist acts. Vessels operating within the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston Zone are potential targets of terrorist attacks, or potential launch platforms for terrorist attacks on other vessels, waterfront facilities, and adjacent population centers.

This zone is being established for an area concentrated with commercial facilities considered critical to national security. This rule is not designed to restrict access to vessels engaged or assisting in commerce with waterfront facilities within the security zones, vessels operated by port authorities, vessels operated by waterfront facilities within the security zones, and vessels operated by federal, state, county or municipal agencies. By limiting access to this area the Coast Guard would reduce potential methods of attack on vessels, waterfront facilities, and adjacent population centers located within the zones. All such vessels, which are listed in 33 CFR 165.814(c), desiring to enter this zone would be required to obtain express permission from the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or his designated representative prior to entry.

Discussion of Rule

The Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston is establishing a temporary security zone in the Freeport LNG Basin. The zone would encompass all waters shoreward of a line drawn between the eastern point at 28°56'25" N, 095°18'13" W, and the western point at 28°56'28" N, 095°18'31" W. This security zone would be part of a comprehensive port security regime designed to safeguard human life, vessels, and waterfront facilities against sabotage or terrorist attacks.

All vessels not exempted under this rule would be prohibited from entering the security zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or his designated representative. In Houston, vessels can contact the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston through Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston on VHF Channel 5A, by telephone at 713–671–5103, or by facsimile at 713–671–5159. In Freeport, vessels can contact the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston through Marine Safety Unit Galveston, by telephone at 409–978–2700, or by facsimile at 409–978–2671. This rule is effective from 12 a.m. (noon) on January 15, 2009 until 12 a.m. (noon) on April 30, 2009.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory

Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order.

We expect the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is unnecessary. The basis of this finding is that the security zone is not part of the navigable waterway or a commercial fishing ground. It does not impede commercial traffic to or from the Port of Freeport or on the adjacent Intracoastal Waterway. Additionally, any other vessel wishing to enter the security zone may request permission to do so.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reason: This rule will not interfere with regular vessel traffic within the Freeport Ship Channel and/or the Intracoastal Waterway.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Lieutenant Cliff Harder at 409–978–2705.

Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect in taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply,

Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that Order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This rule would not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that this action is one of a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under section 2.B.2, figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g) of the Instruction. Paragraph (34)(g) covers regulations establishing, disestablishing, or changing security zones. This rule involves temporarily establishing a security zone in the Freeport LNG Basin.

Neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. An “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a categorical exclusion are available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701, 3306, 3703; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.2.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0005 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0005 Security Zone; Freeport LNG Basin, Freeport, TX.

(a) *Location.* The security zone includes all waters, from surface to bottom, shoreward of a line drawn between the point at 28°56'25" N, 095°18'13" W, and the western point at 28°56'28" N, 095°18'31" W.

(b) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section:

Designated Representative means any U.S. Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port, Houston-Galveston, to assist in the enforcement of the security zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.33 of this part, entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or a designated representative.

(2) Entry into or remaining in the security zones described in paragraph (a) of this section is prohibited for all vessels except:

(i) Commercial vessels operating at the waterfront facilities within these security zones;

(ii) Commercial vessel transiting directly to or from waterfront facilities within these security zones;

(iii) Vessels providing direct operational/logistic support to commercial vessels within these security zones;

(iv) Vessels operated by the port authority or by facilities located within these security zones; and

(v) Vessels operated by federal, state, county, or municipal agencies;

(3) All persons and vessels within the security zone must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston and designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel.

(4) Persons or vessels requiring entry into or passage through the zone must request permission from the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston, or a

designated representative. They may be contacted at "Sector Houston-Galveston" on VHF-FM Channel 16, or by phone at (713) 671-5113.

(5) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston and designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel. On-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Dated: January 15, 2009.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[USCG–2009–0006]

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Temporary Moving Security Zone; Freeport Channel Entrance, Freeport, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing temporary moving security zones for certain vessels, for which the Captain of the Port, Houston-Galveston, deems enhanced security measures necessary on a case-by-case basis. These moving security zones would extend 1,000 yards ahead and astern and 500 yards on each side of certain vessels, which will display the international signal flag or pennant number five to signal a security zone is established around the vessel. The moving security zone may commence at any point after certain vessels bound for the Port of Freeport enter the U.S. territorial waters (12 nautical miles) in the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston zone. These security zones are needed to safeguard the vessels, the public, and the surrounding area from sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature. Unless exempted under this rule, entry into or movement within these security zones would be prohibited without permission from the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston.

DATES: This rule is effective from 12 p.m. (noon) on January 15, 2009 until 12 a.m. on April 31, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in this docket, are part of docket [USCG–2009–0006] and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, selecting the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, inserting USCG–2009–0006 in the Docket ID box, pressing Enter, and then clicking on the item in the Docket ID column. This material is also available for inspection or copying at two locations: the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays and the Marine Safety Unit Galveston, 3101 FM 2004, Texas City, TX 77591, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Background and Purpose

Heightened awareness of potential terrorist acts requires enhanced security of our ports, harbors, and vessels; to enhance security, the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston is establishing temporary moving security zones around escorted vessels.

This rule would establish distinct moving security zones that may commence at any point after certain vessels bound for the Port of Freeport enter the 12-nautical mile U.S. territorial waters in the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston zone. These zones would be established to protect waterfront facilities, persons, and vessels from subversive or terrorist acts.