

employment authorization pursuant to 8 CFR 208.7, or USCIS may, in its discretion, allow the applicant to provide an interpreter.<sup>37</sup> In such cases, the applicant would be in the same position they would have been without this action.

DHS recognizes there are both quantitative and qualitative benefits that could be realized by providing an applicant for asylum the opportunity to bring their own interpreter when a contract interpreter is unavailable, such as the costs avoided that would otherwise be incurred due to rescheduling if a contract interpreter is unavailable—both for the applicant and USCIS—and the overall positive effect on applicants of having their asylum application timely adjudicated. Once this rule is no longer in effect, asylum applicants unable to proceed with an affirmative asylum interview before a USCIS asylum officer in English will again be required to provide their own interpreters under 8 CFR 208.9(g). By extending the temporary final rule beyond the end of the national emergencies, USCIS can facilitate an orderly and efficient return to prior practice and alleviate the burden these changes may place on applicants, contracted interpreter services, and USCIS offices scheduling affirmative asylum interviews.

#### F. Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

#### G. Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in section 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

#### H. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not propose new, or revisions to existing, “collection[s] of information” as that term is defined under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320. As this would only span 180 days, USCIS does not anticipate a need to update the Form

I–589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, despite the existing language on the form instructions regarding interpreters. USCIS will continue to post updates on its Form I–589 website, <https://www.uscis.gov/i-589>, and other asylum and relevant web pages regarding the interview requirements in this regulation, as well as provide personal notice to applicants via the interview notices issued to applicants prior to their interview.

#### List of Subjects in 8 CFR Part 208

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Immigration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Secretary of Homeland Security amends 8 CFR part 208 as follows:

#### PART 208—PROCEDURES FOR ASYLUM AND WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL

- 1. The authority citation for part 208 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1158, 1226, 1252, 1282; Title VII of Pub. L. 110–229; 8 CFR part 2; Pub. L. 115–218.

- 2. Effective from March 16, 2023 through September 12, 2023, amend § 208.9 by revising paragraph (h) introductory text to read as follows:

#### § 208.9 Procedure for interview before an asylum officer.

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(h) *Asylum applicant interpreters.* For asylum interviews conducted between March 16, 2023, through September 12, 2023:

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

#### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2023–0181]

#### Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays Within the Fifth Coast Guard District

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone for a fireworks display at The Wharf DC on April 1, 2023, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District identifies the safety zone for this event in Washington, DC. During the enforcement period, vessels may not enter, remain in, or transit through the safety zone unless authorized to do so by the COTP or his representative, and vessels in the vicinity must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

**DATES:** The regulation in 33 CFR 165.506 will be enforced for the location identified in line no. 1 of table 2 to 33 CFR 165.506(h)(2) from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on April 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email MST2 Courtney Perry, Sector Maryland-NCR, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard: telephone 410–576–2596, email [MDNCRMarineEvents@uscg.mil](mailto:MDNCRMarineEvents@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone regulation for a fireworks display at The Wharf DC from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on April 1, 2023. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for Fireworks Displays within the Fifth Coast Guard District, § 165.506, specifies the location of the safety zone for the fireworks show, which encompasses portions of the Washington Channel in the Upper Potomac River. During the enforcement period, as reflected in § 165.506(d), if you are the operator of a vessel in the vicinity of the safety zone, you may not enter, remain in, or transit through the safety zone unless authorized to do so by the COTP or his representative, and you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any Official Patrol displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

In addition to this notification of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts.

Dated: March 13, 2023.

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<sup>37</sup> 8 CFR 208.9(h)(1)(i).