

regulation for this safety zone, § 165.1198, specifies the location of the safety zone which encompasses the navigable waters in the area between 500 yards of MOTCO Pier 2 in position 38°03'30" N, 122°01'14" W and 3,000 yards of the pier. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in § 165.1198(d), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with the instructions of the COTP or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. Vessel operators desiring to anchor or otherwise loiter within the safety zone must contact Sector San Francisco Vessel Traffic Service at 415-556-2760 or VHF Channel 14 to obtain permission.

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

Dated: April 18, 2023.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port San Francisco.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2023-0343]

RIN 1625-AA87

Security Zones; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing three temporary, 500-yard radius, moving security zones for certain vessels carrying Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDC) within the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel. The temporary security zones are needed to protect the vessels, the CDC cargo, and the surrounding waterway from terrorist acts, sabotage, or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature. Entry of vessels or persons into these zones is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from April 25, 2023 until May 5, 2023. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used

from April 20, 2023, until April 25, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Lieutenant Commander Anthony Garofalo, Sector Corpus Christi Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 361-939-5130, email *Anthony.M.Garofalo@uscg.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable. We must establish these security zones by April 20, 2023 to ensure security of these vessels and lack sufficient time to provide a reasonable comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the rule.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to provide for the security of these vessels.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the transit of the Motor Vessel (M/V) BRITISH CONTRIBUTOR, M/V CELCIUS CANBERRA and M/V ARISTARCHOS, when loaded, will be a security concern within a 500-yard radius of each vessel. This rule is needed to provide for the safety and

security the vessels, their cargo, and surrounding waterway from terrorist acts, sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature while they are transiting within Corpus Christi, TX, from April 20, 2023 through May 5, 2023.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing two 500-yard radius temporary moving security zones around M/V BRITISH CONTRIBUTOR, M/V CELCIUS CANBERRA and M/V ARISTARCHOS. The zones for the vessels will be enforced from April 20, 2023, through May 5, 2023. The duration of the zones are intended to protect the vessels and cargo and surrounding waterway from terrorist acts, sabotage or other subversive acts, accidents, or other events of a similar nature. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the security zones without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

Entry into these security zones is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP or a designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector Corpus Christi. Persons or vessels desiring to enter or pass through each zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone at 361-939-0450. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative. The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate for the enforcement times and dates for each security zone.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under

Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, duration, and location of the security zones. This rule will impact a small, designated area of 500-yards around the moving vessels in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel as the vessels transit the channel over a sixteen day period. Moreover, the rule allows vessels to seek permission to enter the zones.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. 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.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the temporary security zones may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

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. 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 the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect 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. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, 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. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

E. 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 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01 and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves moving security zones lasting for the duration of time that the M/V BRITISH

CONTRIBUTOR, M/V CELCIUS CANBERRA and M/V ARISTARCHOS are within the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel while loaded with cargo. It will prohibit entry within a 500-yard radius of M/V BRITISH CONTRIBUTOR, M/V CELCIUS CANBERRA and M/V ARISTARCHOS while the vessels are transiting loaded within Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel. It is categorically excluded from further review under L60 in Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

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: 46 U.S.C 70034, 70051; 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0343 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0343 Security Zones; Corpus Christi Ship Channel. Corpus Christi, TX.

(a) *Location.* The following area are moving security zones: All navigable waters encompassing a 500-yard radius around the M/V BRITISH CONTRIBUTOR, M/V CELCIUS CANBERRA and M/V ARISTARCHOS while the vessels are in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel and La Quinta Channel.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from April 20, 2023 through May 5, 2023.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations in § 165.33 of this part

apply. Entry into the zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi (COTP) or a designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector Corpus Christi.

(2) Persons or vessels desiring to enter or pass through the zones must request permission from the COTP Sector Corpus Christi on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone at 361-939-0450.

(3) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

(d) *Information broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate of the enforcement times and dates for these security zones.

Dated: April 19, 2023.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Parts 1 and 41

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Reducing Patent Fees for Small Entities and Micro Entities Under the Unleashing American Innovators Act of 2022

Correction

■ Rule document C1-2023-05382, appearing on page 19862, beginning in the first column, in the issue of Tuesday, April 4, 2023, is hereby withdrawn.

In rule document 2023-05382, appearing on pages 17147-17159, in the issue of Wednesday, March 22, 2023, make the following corrections:

■ On page 17157, in the first column, in instruction 8, the table heading for Table 3 to Paragraph (a)(1)(i)(C) and the table heading for Table 4 to Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) are corrected to read as follows:

§ 1.445 International application filing, processing and search fees. [Corrected]

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TABLE 3 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(C)

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TABLE 4 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(ii)

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Hardcopy Postage Statements Discontinued

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is amending *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) in various sections to discontinue the use of hardcopy postage statements for domestic commercial mailings.

DATES: *Effective:* January 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Filipski at (312) 765-3089 or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268-7281.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 13, 2023, the Postal Service published a notice of proposed rulemaking (88 FR 9218-9221) to discontinue the use of hardcopy postage statements for domestic commercial mailings. In response to the proposed rule, the Postal Service received 16 comments as follows:

Comment: Multiple comments stated eliminating hardcopy postage statements would make it so we cannot submit bulk mailings any longer.

Response: The **Federal Register** Notice proposed rule provided that Postal Wizard® and the Intelligent Mail® Small Business Tool (IMsb) are free and simple electronic documentation solutions available to all customers through the Business Customer Gateway, and that third-party software and mail preparation options are also available on the PostalPro website. In addition, all business mail entry unit (BMEU) employees are trained to assist customers with this transition.

Comment: The USPS should improve communications to the field, specifically requiring local postmasters where Periodical mail is entered to hold in-person meetings with mailers no later than 180 days before any implementation date of this proposal.

Response: Postal Service BMEU employees and managers began reaching out to customers and meeting with them well over a year before the date where we intend to no longer accept hardcopy postage statements. These efforts include weekly informational sessions on using the Intelligent Mail for Small Business Tool and Postal Wizard as well as targeted outreach to individual customers ensuring they know how to use the free electronic documentation options and which third part solutions are available. Internal information sessions and material is continually provided to all BMEU staff and postmasters to ensure they are aware of the changes and can decipher this information to our customers.

Comment: I do not have a computer and cannot submit my postage statement electronically.

Response: BMEUs where you currently bring your hardcopy statement will assist you with submitting a statement electronically.

Comment: Eliminating hardcopy postage statements will create an issue for mailers who mail non-identical pieces and must submit a hardcopy manifest.

Response: Postal Wizard, which is free electronic documentation software available on the Business Customer Gateway, allows for non-identical pieces as do many third-party options listed on PostalPro. The hardcopy manifest that must be accompanied with such a mailing will still be accepted; this FRN only covers postage statements themselves and does not prohibit hardcopy manifests.

Comment: The transition period should be continued through 2025.

Response: The Postal Service has ensured the local BMEUs have encouraged mailers to transition to electronic documentation for several years and official notice was provided 11 months prior to this transition. Given this and that there are various free and easy options to submit electronic documentation, the Postal Service believes January 2024 is sufficient time for hardcopy mailers to transfer.

Comment: The USPS should rapidly enhance the available of service data for newspaper mail. Better visibility.

Response: This comment is beyond the scope of this FRN. However, the Postal Service is exploring visibility enhancements for all our products.

The Postal Service is discontinuing the use of hardcopy postage statements to improve efficiency by expediting the acceptance of commercial mail. Except for Electronic Verification System (eVS®) mailings, all domestic commercial mailings must use an