

is suspended as of November 27, 1996. Comments must be received on or before January 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 91-045), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to Room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard headquarters, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LCDR Suzanne Englebert, Project Manager, Project Development Division, at (202) 267-1492.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Regulatory History**

The regulatory history for this rulemaking is recounted in the preamble of the final rule entitled "Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels without Double Hulls" (61 FR 39770; July 30, 1996).

##### **Reason for Suspension of Effectiveness**

After publication of the final rule, the Coast Guard received comments and petitions for reconsideration from the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners, the International Chamber of Shipping, and the Baltic and International Maritime Council expressing concern about the implementation of certain minimum under-keel clearance requirements in Section 157.455. The provision relates to owner notification of the calculated anticipated under-keel clearance contained in Section 157.455(a) (5) and (6) of the final rule. The regulated community has requested an additional opportunity to comment on the owner notification provision of the under-keel clearance requirement. The Coast Guard is therefore delaying implementation of 33 CFR 157.455(a) (5) and (6) until further notice and is opening a 60 day comment period on the provision. In addition, the Coast Guard is opening an additional 60 day comment period on the under-keel clearance calculation requirements in Section 157.455(a) (1) through (4).

##### **Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit specific

comments limited to the requirements of 33 CFR 157.455(a). The Coast Guard particularly seeks comments on the owner's responsibility to provide guidance to the master on under-keel clearance or make a determination of adequate under-keel clearance based on input from the vessel's master. The Coast Guard is currently developing implementation guidance on all of the operational measures in the final rule, including examples of company guidance on under-keel clearance. This guidance will be published in a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) in the near future. Suggestions on the implementation guidance in the NVIC should be submitted to the Office of Compliance (G-MOC) at 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change 33 CFR 157.455(a) based on the comments.

##### **Regulatory Process Considerations**

Although the final rule is a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) does not consider this partial suspension of the final rule as a significant action. This action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and 1996 amendments (enacted as Chapter 8 of Title 5, U.S. Code).

Any final response to petitions for reconsideration on this final rule will address any economic impacts, including impacts on small businesses.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

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*Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commandant.*

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## **POSTAL SERVICE**

### **39 CFR Part 111**

#### **Domestic Mail Manual; Miscellaneous Amendments**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document describes the numerous amendments consolidated in the Transmittal Letter for Issue 50 of the Domestic Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations, see 39 CFR 111.1. These amendments reflect changes in

mail preparation standards and other miscellaneous mailing requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Neil Berger, (202) 268-2859.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, part 111, contains the basic standards of the U.S. Postal Service governing its domestic mail services; describes the mail classes and special services and conditions governing their use; and provides detailed instructions on the standards for rate eligibility and mail preparation. The document is amended and republished about every 6 months, with each issue sequentially numbered.

DMM Issue 50, the current edition of the DMM, was released on July 1, 1996. That issue contains substantive changes to mail preparation standards and mail classification as published in the Federal Register on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 10068-10217). These standards were approved on March 4, 1996, by the Postal Service to implement the Decision of the Governors of the Postal Service in Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC 95-1, Classification Reform I. These standards took effect at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 1996. The following excerpt from the Summary of Changes section of the transmittal for DMM Issue 50 covers the minor changes not previously described in that final rule or in other interim or final rules published in the Federal Register. These changes were first announced in various issues of the Postal Bulletin, a biweekly document published by the Postal Service to state or to revise policy and procedure.

#### **Domestic Mail Manual Issue 50 Summary of Changes**

##### **Barcoded Mail Preparation**

M812.4.2, M812.4.3, and M812.4.4 (renumbered as M891.4); M813.5.3, M813.5.4, and M813.5.5 (M892.5); M814.3.2, M814.3.3, and M814.3.4 (M893.3); M815.4.3, M815.4.4, and M815.4.5 (M894.4); M816.6.3, M816.6.4, and M816.6.5 (M895.6); and M823.5.4 (M897.5) revise preparation of Barcoded rate mail. Effective November 23, 1995; mandatory January 20, 1996 (PB 21907 (11-23-95)).

##### **Delivery Statistics**

A930.5.0 includes all post offices with rural delivery, highway contract delivery, and post office box delivery. Effective October 12, 1995 (PB 21904 (10-12-95)).

**Expedited Markings**

C010.8.2 eliminates the use of markings such as ("RUSH" that improperly imply expedited service. Effective April 25, 1996 (PB 21918 (4-25-96)).

**Heavy Letter Mail**

C810.1.5. (renumbered as C810.2.3), C810.1.6 (C810.2.3), C810.2.3 (C810.7.5), C840.2.2, M814.1.9 (removed), M815.1.7 (removed), M816.1.7 (removed) provides standards for heavy letter mail. Effective February 15, 1996 (PB 21913 (2-15-96)).

**Labeling Lists**

L002, L101 (renumbered as L004), L102, L707 (L604), L801 (L897), L802 (L898), L803 (L899), and L804 (L801) reflect changes in mail processing. New L806 (L803) concentrates originating volumes not entered at BMCs or ASFs. Effective November 23, 1995; mandatory January 20, 1996 (PB 21907 (11-23-95)). L707 (L604) shows the change to "MXD HARTFORD CT 060." Effective November 23, 1995; mandatory January 20, 1996 (PB 21908 (12-07-95)). L806 (L803) adds ZIP Codes 420-426 for "MXD LOUISVILLE KY 400." Effective November 23, 1995; mandatory March 23, 1996 (PB 21910 (1-4-96)).

**Meter Indicia**

Exhibit P030.4.1 adds a new Pitney Bowes meter indicia. Effective March 18, 1996 (PB 21916 (3-28-96)).

**Nonprofit Products**

E370.5.10 (renumbered as E670.5.10) increases the value of low-cost products available at nonprofit rates. Effective January 1, 1996 (PB 21913 (2-15-96)).

**Permit Applications**

E060.8.1, E060.11.2, E060.12.3, P023.2.0, P023.3.0, P030.5.1 (new), P040.1.5, S922.2.1, S922.5.14, and S923.2.0 require new Form 3615 for four forms previously used for permit authorizations. Effective October 26, 1995 (PB 21905 (10-26-95)).

**Return Receipts**

S915.1.4 clarifies that the weight of a return receipt is not included when computing the postage weight of a mailpiece. Effective February 15, 1996 (PB 21913 (2-15-96)).

**Stamp Exchanges**

P014.1.7 eliminates the postage stamp conversion fee. Effective November 23, 1995 (PB 21907 (11-23-95)).

**Tabbing**

C810.9.0 (renumbered as C810.7.3) provides an alternative placement of tabs on booklet-type mailpieces. Effective April 25, 1996 (PB 21918 (4-25-96)).

**USPS Mail**

E060.16 is removed to reflect the discontinuance of the standard penalty (eagle) indicia on USPS official mail. Effective January 1, 1996 (PB 21907 (11-23-95)).

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Postal Service.

**PART 111—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. In consideration of the foregoing, the table at the end of 111.3(e) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

**§ 111.3 Amendments to the Domestic Mail Manual.**

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Transmittal letter for issue	Dated	Federal Register publication
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

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**Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; SO<sub>2</sub>; New Manchester-Grant Magisterial District, Hancock County Implementation Plan**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving a State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of West Virginia. This revision provides for, and demonstrates, the attainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for sulfur oxides, measured as

sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), in the New Manchester-Grant Magisterial District, Hancock County nonattainment area. The implementation plan was submitted by West Virginia to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) pertaining to nonattainment areas. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This action is effective January 27, 1997 unless notice is received on or before December 27, 1996 that adverse or critical comments will be submitted. If the effective date is delayed, timely notice will be published in the Federal Register.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Makeba A. Morris, Chief, Technical Assessment Section (3AT22), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut

Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and, West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, 1558 Washington Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David J. Campbell, Technical Assessment Section (3AT22), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, phone: 215 566-2196.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 17, 1995, as amended on May 3, 1996, the State of West Virginia submitted a revision to its State implementation plan (SIP) for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The revision pertains to the SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment area in New Manchester-Grant Magisterial District, Hancock County, West Virginia.