

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****46 CFR Parts 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 161**

[CGD 94-108]

RIN 2115-AF24

**Electrical Engineering Requirements for Merchant Vessels**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of policy for interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** Two industry standards affecting the Coast Guard's electrical engineering regulations for merchant vessels have been revised recently or will be revised in the near future. Until the Coast Guard amends its regulations to incorporate new standards, persons wishing to apply a provision of one of these industry standards instead of a provision in the current regulations may submit for approval on a case-by-case basis, a request under the equivalency provisions in the current regulations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald P. Mianta, Project Manager, Office of Design and Engineering Standards (G-MSE), (202) 267-2206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 4, 1996, the Coast Guard published an interim rule entitled "Electrical Engineering Requirements for Merchant Vessels" (61 FR 28260). This rule went into effect on September 30, 1996, and amends the Coast Guard's electrical engineering regulations in 46 CFR parts 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 161.

First, the regulations reference provisions in the 1995 edition of the "Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels" of the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS). In May 1996, ABS adopted a revised edition of this standard, which the Coast Guard intends to incorporate into the final rule for electrical engineering regulations within the next few months.

Second, the regulations reference provisions in the 1983 edition of the "Recommended Practice for Electric Installations on Shipboard" (Standard 45) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). IEEE is in the process of revising this standard and plans to issue a draft version in late November 1996 and a final version by mid-January 1997. The Coast Guard will review and, if appropriate, will incorporate this standard in its electrical engineering regulations as well.

Until the Coast Guard incorporates these standards in the regulations by the necessary rulemaking action, persons may request the use of these new standards by submitting a request in

accordance with either 46 CFR 110.20-1 (for a provision in 46 CFR chapter I, subchapter J) or 46 CFR 161.002-17 (for a provision in 46 CFR part 161, subpart 161.002) of the interim rule. These requests are considered for approval on a case-by-case basis under Coast Guard regulations.

Dated: September 26, 1996.

Howard L. Hime,

*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 96-4; RM-8733]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Salem and Cherokee Village, AR**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Bragg Broadcasting Corporation and KFCM, Inc., this document substitutes Channel 265A for Channel 240A at Salem, Arkansas, and modifies the license of Bragg Broadcasting Corporation for Station KSAR(FM), as requested. Additionally, to accommodate the modification at Salem, Channel 252A is substituted for Channel 265A at Cherokee Village, and the license of KFCM, Inc. for Station KFCM(FM) is modified accordingly, as requested. See 61 FR 4392, February 6, 1996.

Coordinates for Channel 265A at Salem, Arkansas, are 36-25-00 and 91-48-00; coordinates for Channel 252A at Cherokee Village, Arkansas, are 36-16-29 and 91-30-18. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 96-4, adopted September 13, 1996, and released September 20, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, located at 1919 M

Street, NW., Room 246, or 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 73—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

**§ 73.202 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Arkansas, is amended by removing Channel 265A and adding Channel 252A at Cherokee Village.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Arkansas, is amended by removing Channel 240A and adding Channel 265A at Salem.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

*Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 679**

[Docket No. 960129018-6018-01; I.D. 093096A]

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is prohibiting retention of Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). NMFS is requiring that catches of Pacific ocean perch in this area be treated in the same manner as prohibited species and discarded at sea with a minimum of injury. This action is necessary because the Pacific ocean perch total allowable catch (TAC) in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), September 30, 1996, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Pearson, 907-486-6919.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

In accordance with § 679.20(c)(3)(ii), the TAC for Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the GOA was established by the Final 1996 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish (61 FR 4304, February 5, 1996), as 2,366 metric tons.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined, in accordance with § 679.20(d)(2), that the TAC for Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that further catches of Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Regulatory Area of the GOA

be treated as prohibited species in accordance with § 679.21(b).

**Classification**

This action is taken under 50 CFR 679.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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