

3. Section 344.3 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(3)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 344.3 Subscription for purchase.

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(b) * * *

(3) * * *

(iii) An interest rate cannot be changed to a rate that exceeds the maximum interest rate in the table that was in effect for a security of comparable maturity on the date the initial subscription was submitted, unless the issuer obtains a higher rate by canceling and resubscribing in compliance with the provisions of § 344.3(b)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Part 311

OSD Privacy Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOD.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) exempts a system of records, DFM&P 26, entitled Vietnamese Commandos Compensation Files, from certain provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a. Exemption is needed to comply with the prohibition against disclosure of properly classified portions of this record system.

DATES: Effective: August 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Bosworth at (703) 695-0970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed rule was published on June 25, 1997, at 62 FR 34187. No comments were received, therefore, the rule is being adopted as published. **Executive Order 12866.** It has been determined that this Privacy Act rule for the Department of Defense does not constitute 'significant regulatory action'. Analysis of the rule indicates that it does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; does not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; does not materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; does not raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. It has been determined that this Privacy Act rule for the Department of Defense does not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it is concerned only with the administration of Privacy Act systems of records within the Department of Defense.

Paperwork Reduction Act. It has been determined that this Privacy Act rule for the Department of Defense imposes no information requirements beyond the Department of Defense and that the information collected within the Department of Defense is necessary and consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552a, known as the Privacy Act, and 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

The proposed rule was published on June 25, 1997, at 62 FR 34187. No comments were received, therefore, the rule is being adopted as published.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR part 311

Privacy.

Accordingly, 32 CFR part 311 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 311 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub.L. 93-579, 88 Stat 1896 (5 U.S.C.552a).

2. Section 311.7 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(10)(i) through (c)(10)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 311.7 Procedures for exemptions.

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(c) *Specific exemptions.* * * *

(10) *System identifier and name:* DFM&P 26, Vietnamese Commando Compensation Files.

(i) *Exemption:* Information classified under E.O. 12958, as implemented by DoD 5200.1-R, may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1).

(ii) *Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1).

(iii) *Reasons:* From subsection 5 U.S.C. 552a(d) because granting access to information that is properly classified pursuant to E.O. 12958, as implemented by DoD 5200.1-R, may cause damage to the national security.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 151

[CGD 97-015]

RIN 2115-AF43

Antarctic Treaty Environmental Protection Protocol

AGENCY: Coast Guard.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: On April 14, 1997, the Coast Guard published a direct final rule (62 FR 18043; CGD 97-015). This direct final rule notified the public of the Coast Guard's intent to establish regulations to implement the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996. These regulations should guide U.S. owned and/or operated vessels to properly prepare for voyages in the Antarctic. They also harmonize U.S. regulations with international standards, and improve preparedness to respond to a spill. The Coast Guard has not received an adverse comment, or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment, objecting to this rule as written. Therefore, this rule will go into effect as scheduled.

DATES: The effective date of the direct final rule is confirmed as September 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Ray Perry, Project Manager, Office of Environmental Standards (G-MSO), telephone (202) 267-2714.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IL117-2; FRL 5886-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On July 14, 1997 (62 FR 37494), the EPA approved Illinois' July 14, 1997, submittal of Rate-of-Progress plans to reduce Volatile Organic Compounds emissions in the Chicago

and Metro-East St. Louis areas by 15 percent (%) by November 15, 1996, contingency plans to reduce VOC emissions by an additional 3% beyond the ROP plans, and transportation control measures for the Metro-East St. Louis area as revisions to the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP). The EPA is withdrawing this final rule due to receipt of adverse comments. In a subsequent final rule EPA will summarize and respond to the comments received and announce final rulemaking action on these requested Illinois SIP revisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air Programs Branch, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark J. Palermo, Environmental Protection Specialist, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Telephone: (312) 886-6082.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Incorporation by reference, Ozone.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

Michelle D. Jordan,
Acting Regional Administrator.

PART 52—[AMENDED]

Therefore the amendments to 40 CFR part 52 which added § 52.726(p), § 52.726(q), and § 52.726(r) are withdrawn.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CC Docket No. 96-61, FCC 97-269]

Denial of Petitions for Reconsideration of Order Regarding Rate Integration

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration, the Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") denies certain

petitions for reconsideration because the Commission determines that there is no basis for granting the petitions, and dismisses a motion for partial stay or request for extension because the motion is moot. The intended effect of this action is the denial of petitions for reconsideration, and dismissal of a motion for partial stay or request for extension.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Bailey, Competitive Pricing Division, at (202) 418-1520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission (the "Commission") denies petitions for reconsideration of its order entitled, Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace, Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Report and Order, 61 FR 42558 (1996), 11 FCC Rcd 9564 (1996), filed by GTE Service Corporation, U.S. West, Inc., American Mobile Satellite Carriers Subsidiary Corp. (AMSC), and IT&E Overseas, Inc. insofar as the petitions raise issues concerning implementation of the rate integration requirements of section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The Commission defers to a later decision issues raised in other petitions for reconsideration of the order concerning implementation of the geographic rate averaging requirements of section 254(g) of the Act. The Commission's order denies petitions for reconsideration filed by GTE Service Corporation and US West, Inc. because it determines that Congress intended the Commission to require rate integration across affiliates. The Commission's order denies the petition for reconsideration filed by AMSC because it determines that the service provided by AMSC is covered by section 254(g) of the Act. Finally, the Commission denies the petition for partial reconsideration filed by IT&E Overseas, Inc. because it determines that IT&E Overseas, Inc. has failed to demonstrate that forbearance is justified so that it can charge higher rates to subscribers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands than in Guam. The Commission also dismisses as moot the Motion for Partial Stay or Request for Extension filed by GTE Service Corporation (GTE).

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 575

[Docket No. 94-30, Notice]

RIN 2127-AF17

Consumer Information Regulations, Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards

ACTION: Final rule: response to petition for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: This document responds to a petition for reconsideration of a final rule of this agency that amended the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards to establish a new traction grade of "AA" and to freeze the base course wear rate of course monitoring tires used in treadwear testing at its current value. The petition asked the agency to exclude the petitioner from the applicability of the amended base course wear rate value until the mandatory compliance date of the amendments in the final rule. If that request is not granted, the petitioner requested a lead time of 2 years following publication of the final rule.

This document denies the petition, and reaffirms NHTSA's decision both to maintain the base course wear rate at its current value and the mandatory compliance date specified in the final rule. Further, in response to a number of inquiries, this document makes it clear that manufacturers have the option of early compliance with the amendments in the final rule.

DATES: The amendments promulgated in the final rule of September 9, 1996 (61 FR 47437) become effective March 9, 1998. Optional early compliance with those amendments was permitted beginning October 9, 1996.

Any petition for reconsideration of this rule must be received by NHTSA not later than October 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration should refer to the docket and notice numbers noted above for this rule and be submitted to the Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5109, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-4949. Docket room hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical issues: Mr. Orron Kee, Chief, Consumer Program Division, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, National Highway Traffic