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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 367

[Docket No. FMCSA–2007–27871]

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Fees for Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document makes a technical correction to the annual fees and fee bracket structure for the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement that were published in the **Federal Register** of August 24, 2007 (72 FR 48585). The fees and fee bracket structure are required under the Uniform Carrier Registration Act of 2005, enacted as Subtitle C of Title IV of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. This document corrects the year in which the fees and fee bracket structure are effective.

DATES: Effective date: February 26, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Legal Basis for the Rulemaking

This technical correction involves the fees for the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR Agreement) established by 49 U.S.C. 14504a, enacted by section 4305(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU) (119 Stat. 1144, 1764 (2005)). Section 14504a states that the “Unified Carrier Registration Plan * * * mean[s] the organization * * * responsible for developing, implementing, and administering the unified carrier registration agreement”

(49 U.S.C. 14504a(a)(9)). The UCR Agreement developed by the Unified Carrier Registration Plan (UCR Plan) is the “interstate agreement governing the collection and distribution of registration and financial responsibility information provided and fees paid by motor carriers, motor private carriers, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies * * *” (49 U.S.C. 14504a(a)(8)).

The statute provides for a 15-member Board of Directors for the UCR Plan and Agreement (Board) appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. The establishment of the Board was announced in the **Federal Register** on May 12, 2006 (71 FR 27777).

Among its responsibilities, the Board was required to submit to the Secretary of Transportation ¹ a recommendation for the initial annual fees to be assessed motor carriers, motor private carriers, freight forwarders, brokers and leasing companies under the UCR Agreement (49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7)(A)). The FMCSA then was directed to set the fees within 90 days after receiving the Board’s recommendation and after notice and opportunity for public comment (49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7)(B)). The FMCSA established fees and a fee bracket structure in a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2007 (72 FR 48585).

Background

In the final rule of August 24, 2007 (72 FR 48585), the FMCSA erroneously specified that the fees and fee bracket structure adopted in that rule pertained only to the registration year 2007. Under the statute, however, the fees set by FMCSA apply to each registration year unless and until the Board recommends an adjustment in the annual fees in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 14504a(f)(1)(E). Only after the UCR Board and FMCSA follow the procedures specified in 49 U.S.C. 14504a(d)(7)(B) and FMCSA approves a new set of fees and fee brackets would they become effective.

Need for Correction

This technical correction is required to allow the UCR Plan to continue to collect the established fees in each registration year. The FMCSA is correcting the section heading of 49 CFR 367.20 and the caption of the fee table

¹ The Secretary’s functions under section 14504a have been delegated to the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. 49 CFR 1.73(a)(7), as amended, 71 FR 30833 (May 31, 2006).

in § 367.20 to specify that the section establishes fees under the UCR Plan and the UCR Agreement for each registration year.

Regulatory Analyses and Notices

Administrative Procedure Act

The Administrative Procedure Act provides exceptions to its notice and public comment procedures when an agency finds there is good cause on the basis that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” (See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)). As stated above, the amendment made by this final rule merely corrects an inadvertent error. The FMCSA therefore finds good cause that notice and public comment are unnecessary. Further, the Agency finds good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make the amendment effective upon publication.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) and DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures

The FMCSA has determined that this action is not a significant regulatory action within the meaning of Executive Order 12866 or within the meaning of Department of Transportation regulatory policies and procedures. The Office of Management and Budget did not review this document. We expect the final rule will have minimal costs; therefore, a full regulatory evaluation is unnecessary.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

In compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), FMCSA has evaluated the effects of this rule on small entities. Because the rule only makes editorial corrections and places no new requirements on the regulated industry, FMCSA certifies that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rulemaking will not impose an unfunded Federal mandate, as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1532, *et seq.*), that will result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$128.1 million or more in any 1 year.

Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform)

This action will meet applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation,

eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Executive Order 13045 (Protection of Children)

The FMCSA analyzed this action under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. We determined that this rulemaking will not concern an environmental risk to health or safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Executive Order 12630 (Taking of Private Property)

This rulemaking does not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

The FMCSA analyzed this rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132. The FMCSA has determined that this rulemaking will not have a substantial direct effect on States, nor will it limit the policy-making discretion of the States. Nothing in this document will preempt any State law or regulation.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review)

The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities do not apply to this program.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)) requires that FMCSA consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. We have determined that there are no new information collection requirements associated with this final rule.

National Environmental Policy Act

The FMCSA analyzed this final rule for the purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) and determined under our environmental procedures Order 5610.1, issued March 1, 2004 (69 FR 9680), that this action is categorically excluded (CE) under Appendix 2, paragraph 6.h of the Order from environmental documentation. In addition, the Agency believes that this action includes no extraordinary circumstances that will have any effect

on the quality of the environment. Thus, the action does not require an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

The FMCSA also analyzed this rule under the Clean Air Act, as amended (CAA), section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*), and implementing regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Approval of this action is exempt from the CAA's general conformity requirement since it will have no effect on the environment.

Executive Order 13211 (Energy Effects)

The FMCSA analyzed this action under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We determined that it is not a "significant energy action" under that Executive Order because it will not be likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 367

Commercial motor vehicle, Financial responsibility, Motor carriers, Motor vehicle safety, Registration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ In consideration of the foregoing, FMCSA amends title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 367, as follows:

PART 367—STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION WITH STATES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 367 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 13301, 14504, 14504a; and 49 CFR 1.73.

■ 2. Correct the section heading and the title of the table in § 367.20 to read as follows:

§ 367.20 Fees under the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement for Each Registration Year.

Fees Under the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement for Each Registration Year

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John H. Hill,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure

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

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS closes the commercial fishery for king mackerel in the Florida east coast subzone. This closure is necessary to protect the Gulf king mackerel resource.

DATES: The closure is effective 12:01 a.m., local time, February 21, 2008, through 12:01 a.m., local time, March 31, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Gerhart, telephone: 727-824-5305, fax: 727-824-5308, e-mail: Susan.Gerhart@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish (king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, cero, cobia, little tunny, and, in the Gulf of Mexico only, dolphin and bluefish) is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils (Councils) and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

Based on the Councils' recommended total allowable catch and the allocation ratios in the FMP, on April 30, 2001 (66 FR 17368, March 30, 2001) NMFS implemented a commercial quota of 2.25 million lb (1.02 million kg) for the eastern zone (Florida) of the Gulf migratory group of king mackerel. That quota is further divided into separate quotas for the Florida east coast subzone and the northern and southern Florida west coast subzones. The quota implemented for the Florida east coast subzone is 1,040,625 lb (472,020 kg) (50 CFR 622.42(c)(1)(i)(A)(1)).

Under 50 CFR 622.43(a)(3), NMFS is required to close any segment of the