

fiscal year. Accordingly, this would help ensure that VA would be able to award grants to higher priority applicants that might otherwise reject partial funding.

Also, it is proposed that the applicant receiving partial funding and receiving priority as proposed would not be required to submit a second application for additional funds in the subsequent fiscal year, but could be required to update information already submitted. It appears that the first application would normally be adequate because the grant award in the second fiscal year would be for the same project which received the partial grant award.

Further, under the proposal, the total amount awarded for the application could not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project as determined at the time of the second grant award for that grant application. This is consistent with the statutory requirement that limits grant awards to no more than 65 percent of the estimated cost of construction or acquisition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AI84." All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kathleen Greve, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group, (202) 273-8534.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary hereby certifies that the adoption of this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. The rule would affect grants to States and would not directly affect small entities. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this rule would be exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number for this document is 64.005.

### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Claims, Drug abuse, Foreign relations, Government contracts, Grant programs-health, Grant programs-veterans, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Medical and dental schools, Medical devices, Medical research, Mental health programs, Nursing homes, Philippines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

Approved: July 17, 1997.

**Hershel W. Gober,**

*Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 17 is proposed to be amended as set forth below:

### PART 17—MEDICAL

1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501, 1721, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 17.212, paragraph (d) is added immediately before the section authority citation following paragraph (c) to read as follows:

#### § 17.212 Scope of grants program.

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(d)(1) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of this section and the provisions for ranking projects within a priority group in § 17.213(c)(3)(i), the Secretary shall give an application first priority within the priority group to which it is assigned on the list of projects established under § 17.213(d) for the next fiscal year if:

(i) the State has accepted a grant for that application as of August 15 of the current fiscal year that is less than the amount that the Secretary would have awarded if VA had had sufficient grant funds to award the grant in such amount in that fiscal year; and

(ii) the application is the lowest ranking application on the priority list for the current fiscal year for which grant funds are available as of August 15 of that year.

(2) The Secretary shall not require a State to submit a second grant application for a project which receives priority under paragraph (1) of this section but may require the State to update information already submitted in the application for the project. The Secretary shall determine the amount of a second grant at the time of the award of that grant. In no case shall the total amount awarded for the application exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the

project as determined at the time of the second grant award for that grant application.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 52

[TN189-1-9730(b); TN194-1-9731(b); TN198-1-9732(b); FRL-5859-6]

#### Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP Regarding Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Volatile Organic Compounds

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving miscellaneous revisions to the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) regarding prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The revisions to the PSD regulation add an additional supplement to the EPA "Guideline on Air Quality Models". The revisions to the VOC regulation make minor changes to the regulation for the manufacture of high-density polyethylene, polypropylene and polystyrene resins and to the regulation containing test methods and compliance procedures for VOC sources. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the submitted chapter in its entirety as a direct-final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** To be considered, comments must be received by August 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to William Denman at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW,

Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference files TN189-1-9730, TN194-1-9731, and TN198-1-9732. The Region 4 office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. William Denman 404/562-9030

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Denman at 404/562-9030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

**Michael V. Peyton,**

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### 46 CFR Part 384

[Docket No. R-166]

RIN 2133-AB26

#### Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is withdrawing its rulemaking, initiated through an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) published on October 28, 1996, soliciting public comment on whether it should amend its existing criteria and methodologies for granting waivers of the requirement for U.S.-flag

vessel carriage of cargo covered by Public Resolution 17 (PR17), 33rd Congress. In administering this law, MARAD has been following a policy for granting waivers which was published in 1959.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Murray Bloom, Chief, Division of Maritime Assistance Programs, Office of the Chief Counsel, Telephone (202) 366-5320.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 28, 1996, MARAD published an ANPRM (61 FR 55614) setting forth its policy for granting waivers of the requirement for exclusive U.S.-flag carriage of certain cargo covered by PR17 (46 App U.S.C. 1241-1), soliciting public comment on whether it should amend its criteria that have been in effect since 1959, and if so, how the criteria should be changed. In a subsequent notice published on December 24, 1996 (61 FR 67764), MARAD extended the original 60 day comment period for 45 days, and posed 12 questions involving whether MARAD should actually issue a rule that states the objectives and the procedures that will guide the waiver process, as well as the merits, respectively, of various specified procedures. After the receipt and careful review of comments, MARAD held a public forum on May 29, 1997, which allowed interested parties to present oral and written comments to MARAD and officials of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, which administers a program granting credits (loans) with respect to agricultural or other U.S. products for export, that is within the scope of PR17.

Based on the positions enunciated by ocean carriers and shippers with divergent interests, MARAD concluded, with the concurrence of the Export-Import Bank, that the promulgation of discrete regulations of general applicability is not feasible. Therefore, MARAD will continue to grant waivers through case-by-case determinations. Accordingly, on July 2, 1997, MARAD published (62 FR 35881) a revised policy statement that applies to credits of the Export-Import Bank.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

**Joel C. Richard,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 25

[IB Docket No. 96-111; CC Docket No. 93-23; FCC 97-252]

#### Non-U.S.-Licensed Satellites Providing Domestic and International Service in the United States

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** With this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission seeks additional comment on a framework to allow non-U.S.-licensed satellites to provide domestic and international satellite services in the United States. The Commission tentatively concludes that the public interest requires adoption of uniform standards to determine whether a non-U.S. satellite system should be permitted to serve the United States. The Commission aims to promote greater market access, to foster fair competition, and to ensure lower prices, better service, and more innovative service offerings for U.S. users and competitors. This Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking contains proposed or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed or modified information collections contained in this proceeding.

**DATES:** Comments may be filed no later than August 21, 1997. Reply Comments may be filed no later than September 5, 1997. Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due September 29, 1997. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before September 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Secretary, Room 222, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov), and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725-17th Street, NW.,