

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f) and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves establishment of a temporary safety zone for navigable waters in the Matagorda Ship Channel lasting 12 hours per day for 54 days. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by submerged pipeline repair activities that may include deployment of heavy equipment which will obstruct vessel traffic, continuous diver's operations, and various other activities which create underwater hazards while people are working. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a), in Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0328 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0328 Safety Zone; Matagorda Ship Channel, Port Lavaca, TX

(a) *Location.* The safety zone includes all navigable waters of the Matagorda Ship Channel, from the surface to bottom, encompassed by a line connecting the following points: beginning at Point 1: 28°34'58.78" N,

96°33'08.69" W; thence to Point 2: 28°35'00.96" N, 96°32'49.79" W; thence to Point 3: 28°35'08.91" N, 96°33'04.94" W; thence to Point 4: 28°35'09.87" N, 96°32'50.23" W; thence returning to Point 1. These coordinates are based on World Geodetic System (WGS) 84.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be subject to enforcement from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day in the period, from April 14, 2025, through June 6, 2025.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, entry into the temporary, fixed safety zone described in paragraph (a) is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted on Channel 16 VHF–FM (156.8 MHz) or by telephone at 361–939–0450.

(2) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

(d) *Information broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public of the enforcement times and date for this safety zone through Broadcast Notices to Mariners and Safety Marine Information Broadcasts.

Dated: April 11, 2025.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Corpus Christi.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2025–0214]

Safety Zone; Greater Bath Foundation Fireworks Display, Bath Creek, Bath, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation; correction.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard published a notification of enforcement of regulation in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 2025, concerning the enforcement a safety zone for the Greater Bath Foundation Fireworks Display, Bath Creek, Bath, NC. That document contained an incorrect CFR citation. This document corrects that citation.

DATES: This correction is effective April 23, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document call or

email LCDR Carl E. Hendrickson, Waterways Management Division Chief, U.S. Coast Guard; 571–610–2601, email carl.e.hendrickson@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard is correcting a notification of enforcement of regulation that published April 1, 2025. The Coast Guard is making this change to ensure interested persons can locate the safety zone within 33 CFR part 165.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 1, 2025, in FR Doc. 2025–05536, on page 89 FR 14338, in the heading, 33 CFR part 100, is corrected to read 33 CFR part 165.

Dated: April 7, 2025.

Michael T. Cunningham,

Office Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 601

Purchasing of Property and Services

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising its purchasing regulations governing contract claims and disputes to modify the required language to be included in contracting officer's final decisions, and to make other clarifying updates.

DATES: Effective April 23, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Dietz at 202–268–6088 or Susan Witt at 202–268–4833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals has changed the address for their electronic filing website. A change to the requirement for the wording of the contracting officer's final decision for contract claims and disputes in paragraph (g)(7) of § 601.109 (now paragraph (h)(7)) is required to update the new internet address. In addition, the following updates to § 601.109 are also being included:

- In paragraph (a), the reference to use of the Supplier Disagreement Resolution (SDR) official as a mediator for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) has been delated since, in practice, pre-claim ADR before the SDR official has not been utilized;

- Paragraph (b) was revised to streamline the recitation of the Postal Service's policy regarding resolution of contractual claims, and remove the reference to ADR;

- Paragraph (c): *Applicability* was added to clarify the types of Postal Service contracts that are subject to the section;
- The designation hierarchy of paragraphs (c) through (g) was adjusted to paragraphs (d) through (h);
- Paragraph (c) (now paragraph (d)) was revised to remove references to non-regulatory internal processes for the contract file, and to remove an outdated reference to contracts awarded prior to October 1, 1995;
- Paragraph (d) (now paragraph (e)) was revised to remove an outdated reference to contracts awarded prior to October 1, 1995;
- Paragraph (g)(1) (now paragraph (h)(1)) was revised to confirm that contracting officers must have the requisite authority to resolve claims under the section;
- Non-substantive stylistic edits were made to paragraphs (g)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (8) (now in paragraph (h));
- Paragraph (g)(4) (now paragraph (h)(4)) was revised to clarify that delivery of the contracting officer's final decision can be by any method that provides evidence of receipt, not only Certified Mail™, return receipt requested; and
- Paragraph (g)(10) was deleted to remove non-regulatory internal processes.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 601

Administrative practice and procedure, Government procurement, Postal Service.

Accordingly, the Postal Service amends 39 CFR part 601 as follows:

PART 601—PURCHASING OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES

- 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 601 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 410, 411, 2008, 5001–5605.

- 2. Section 601.109 is revised to read as follows:

§ 601.109 Contract claims and disputes.

(a) *General.* This section implements the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 7101–7109).

(b) *Policy.* The Postal Service intends and seeks to resolve contractual claims and disputes by mutual agreement at the level of an authorized contracting officer whenever possible. The contracting officer may also consider holding informal discussions between the parties in order to resolve the conflict before issuing any final decision.

(c) *Applicability.* This section shall apply to all claims arising out of, or relating to, any contract, including any

agreement entered into under authority delegated pursuant to § 601.104 for:

- (1) The procurement of property, including license or leasehold interests in real property, other than fee simple title to real property in being;
 - (2) The procurement of services;
 - (3) The procurement of construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of real property; or
 - (4) The disposal of personal property.
- (d) *Supplier claim initiation.* Supplier claims must be submitted in writing to the contracting officer for final decision within six years after accrual of a claim unless the parties agreed in writing to a shorter time period.

(e) *Postal Service claim initiation.* The contracting officer must issue a written decision on any Postal Service claim against a supplier within six years after accrual of a claim unless the parties agreed in writing to a shorter time period. The six-year time period does not apply to a Postal Service claim based on supplier fraud.

(f) *Certified claims.* Each supplier claim exceeding \$100,000 must be accompanied by a certification in accordance with the supplier's contract.

(g) *Misrepresentation or fraud.* When the contracting officer determines that the supplier is unable to support any part of the claim and there is evidence or reason to believe the inability is attributable to either misrepresentation of fact or fraud on the supplier's part, the contracting officer must deny that part of the claim and refer the matter to the Office of Inspector General.

(h) *Decision and appeal*—(1) *Contracting officer's authority.* A contracting officer, within the limitations of his or her delegated authority, is authorized to decide or settle all claims arising under or relating to a contract subject to the Contract Disputes Act, except for:

- (i) Claims or disputes for penalties or forfeitures prescribed by statutes or regulation that a Federal agency administers; or
- (ii) Claims involving fraud.

(2) *Contracting officer's final decision.* The contracting officer must review the facts pertinent to the claim and issue a final decision in writing. The decision must include a description of the claim or dispute with references to the pertinent contract terms, a statement of the factual areas of agreement and disagreement, and a statement of the contracting officer's final decision with supporting rationale.

(3) *Insufficient information.* When the contracting officer cannot issue a decision because the supplier has not provided sufficient information, the contracting officer should request the

required information. A supplier's failure to timely provide the requested information is an adequate reason to deny the claim.

(4) *Furnishing decisions.* The contracting officer must furnish a copy of the written decision to the supplier, and delivery may be by any method that provides evidence of receipt.

(5) *Decisions on claims for \$100,000 or less.* If the supplier has asked for a decision within 60 days on a claim of \$100,000 or less, the contracting officer must issue a final decision within 60 calendar days of its receipt. The supplier may consider the contracting officer's failure to issue a decision within the applicable time period as a denial of its claim and may file a lawsuit or appeal on the claim.

(6) *Decisions on certified claims.* For a certified claim over \$100,000, the contracting officer must either issue a final decision within 60 days of its receipt, or notify the supplier within the 60-day period of the time when a decision will be issued. The time period established must be reasonable, taking into account the size and complexity of the claim, the adequacy of the supplier's supporting data, and any other relevant factors.

(7) *Wording of decisions.* The contracting officer's final decision must contain the following paragraph: "This is the final decision of the contracting officer pursuant to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and the clause of your contract entitled *Claims and Disputes*. You may appeal this decision to the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals by filing a notice of appeal within ninety days from the date you receive this decision. You may file the notice of appeal online through the USPS Judicial Officer Department's Electronic Filing System website located at <https://usps-judicialoffice.journaltech.com/public-portal>, or by mailing or otherwise furnishing the notice of appeal to the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals. You also may appeal by mailing or otherwise furnishing the written notice of appeal to the contracting officer within 90 days from the date you receive this decision. The notice should identify the contract by number, reference this decision, and indicate that an appeal is intended. Alternatively, you may bring an action directly in the United States Court of Federal Claims within 12 months of the date you receive this decision."

(8) *Additional wording for decisions of \$50,000 or less.* When the claim, or claims, denied total \$50,000 or less, the contracting officer must add the following to the paragraph: "In taking

an appeal to the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals, you may include in your notice of appeal (1) an election to proceed under the Board's small claims (expedited) procedure, which provides for a decision within approximately 120 days, or (2) an election to proceed under the Board's accelerated procedure, which provides for a decision within approximately 180 days. If you do not make an election in the notice of appeal, you may do so by written notice anytime thereafter."

(9) *Additional wording for decisions over \$50,000 up to \$100,000.* When the claim or claims denied total \$100,000 or less, but more than \$50,000, the contracting officer must add the following to the paragraph: "In taking an appeal to the Board of Contract Appeals, you may include in your notice of appeal an election to proceed under the Board's accelerated procedure, which provides for a decision within approximately 180 days. If you do not make an election in the notice of appeal, you may do so by written notice anytime thereafter."

Kevin Rayburn,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, and 310

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Name Change From Office of Child Support Enforcement to Office of Child Support Services; Withdrawal

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: ACF published in the **Federal Register** on December 31, 2024, a direct final rule making technical updates throughout Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter III. On February 27, 2025, ACF re-opened the comment period and delayed the effective date until April 28, 2025. The comment period closed March 31, 2025. ACF is withdrawing the direct final rule because the Agency received significant adverse comment.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 89 FR 107015 on December 31, 2024 is withdrawn effective April 23, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Curtis, Division of Policy and Training, OCSS, telephone (202) 690-6614. Email inquiries to ocss.dpt@acf.hhs.gov. Telecommunications Relay users may dial 711 first.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 31, 2024, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published a direct final rule to change the name of the child support program throughout 45 CFR Chapter III, parts 301-310 and make technical updates to 45 CFR part 309. The direct final rule stated that if significant adverse comments were received, ACF would publish a timely withdrawal of the DFR in the **Federal Register**. ACF is withdrawing the direct final rule published in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 107015 on December 31, 2024 because the agency has received significant adverse comments.

Dated: April 18, 2025.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[MD Docket No. 20-270; FCC 24-137; FR ID 273962]

Schedule of Application Fees

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) revises its Schedule of Application Fees to adjust for increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DATES: *Effective date:* May 23, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order, FCC 24-137, MD Docket No. 20-270, adopted on December 31, 2024, and released on January 7, 2025. Based on the CPI, there is an increase of 17.41 percent in application fees. The full text of this document is available for public inspection by downloading the text from the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/2024-application-fee-order>.

I. Procedural Matters

A. Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

1. No Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 604, because the amendments adopted herein pertain to agency organization, procedure, and practice, or because there is "good cause" to conclude that notice and comment and delayed effectiveness are unnecessary for non-substantive, editorial revisions.

B. Final Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

2. This document does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198 see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

C. Congressional Review Act

3. The Commission has determined, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, concurs that these rules are non-major under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The Commission has sent a copy of the Order to Congress and the Government Accountability office, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

II. Order

4. By the Order, the Commission adopts rule changes to our Schedule of Application Fees set forth in §§ 1.1102 through 1.1109 of our rules, to adjust our fees for processing applications and other filings. Section 8(b)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act or Act), requires the Commission, in every even-numbered year, to adjust the schedule of fees for processing applications to reflect increases or decreases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), rounded to the nearest \$5 increment. In the Order, we make the 2024 CPI adjustment.

5. In December 2020, pursuant to authority established by the RAY BAUM'S Act, the Commission adopted a new application fee schedule that significantly updated the Commission's fiscal year (FY) 2018 fee schedule (last fee schedule before implementation of the RAY BAUM'S Act). Accordingly, in 2022, pursuant to section 8(b) of the Act, the Commission adjusted the fees by applying an inflation factor to the fees adopted in 2020 to reflect a change