

until March 6, 1996. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

A summary of the workshop will be included in a subsequent Federal Register notice related to this prescription drug labeling initiative.

Dated: January 22, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs

22 CFR Part 89

[Public Notice No. 2323]

Foreign Prohibitions on Longshore Work by U.S. Nationals

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 24, 1995, the Department of State issued a proposed rulemaking regarding longshore work by foreign nationals in U.S. ports and waters. To assess the full effects of the proposed rule, the Department is extending the deadline for comments by 7 days, from January 26, 1996 to February 2, 1996.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments in triplicate no later than February 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of Maritime and Land Transport (EB/TRA/MA), Room 5828, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-5816.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard T. Miller, Office of Maritime and Land Transport, Department of State, (202) 647-6961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 24, 1995, the Department of State issued a proposed rulemaking (60 FR 58026) updating the list of longshore work by particular activity, of countries where performance of such a particular activity by crewmembers aboard United States vessels is prohibited by law, regulation or in practice in the country. The crews of ships registered in or owned by nationals of the countries on the list may not perform the activities enumerated on the list. On December 20, 1995, the Department extended the comment period by thirty days in response to requests from a number of

parties (60 FR 65609). To assess the full effects of the proposed rule, the Department is further extending the deadline for comments by one week, from January 26, 1996 to February 2, 1996.

(8 U.S.C. 1288, Pub. L. 010-649, 104 Stat. 4878)

Dated: January 25, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Parts 630, 635 and 771

[FHWA Docket No. 96-3]

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Federal-Aid Project Agreement and Contract Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA proposes to amend its regulation on project agreements. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 modified the requirement that preliminary engineering and right-of-way projects must be advanced to the construction stage within certain time limits. Changes to the agreement provisions are being proposed to reflect these adjustments. Additionally, procedures would be added to provide flexibility in the format of the agreement document and to permit the development of a single document to serve as both the project authorization and project agreement document. Other changes would be made to shorten the agreement document and to add clarity to the process.

The FHWA also proposes to amend its regulation on contract procedures by incorporating into it provisions regarding overruns in contract time that would be removed from the project agreement regulation. The FHWA believes this material more appropriately belongs under contract procedures.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 1, 1996. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: All written, signed comments should refer to the docket

number that appears at the top of this document and should be submitted to Federal Highway Administration, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 4232, HCC-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments and suggestions received will be available for examination at the above address between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Wasley, Office of Engineering, 202-366-0450, or Wilbert Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-0780, FHWA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 110, a formal agreement between the State highway agency and the FHWA is required for Federal-aid highway projects. This agreement, referred to as the "project agreement," is in essence a written contract between the State and the Federal Government defining the extent of the work to be undertaken, the State and the Federal shares of a project's cost, and commitments concerning maintenance of the project.

The present regulation, 23 CFR 630, subpart C, provides further requirements concerning the project agreement. It includes detailed instructions on preparation of the project agreement, a standard form for the agreement, and an assemblage of agreement provisions that are part of the standard form. This is a longstanding regulation and no significant changes have been made to it in several years.

It is the FHWA's desire to update and modify the existing regulation to incorporate needed changes to reflect adjustments made by the ISTEA, Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914, to streamline the project agreement form and provisions, and to allow more versatility in its use. The proposed changes are discussed in the following section-by-section analysis.

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 630.301 Purpose

The statement of purpose would be revised with minor changes for clarity.

Section 630.302 Definitions

It is proposed to remove § 630.302. The terms *calendar day*, *contract time*, *incentives/disincentives for early completion*, *liquidated damages*, and *workday* would be relocated to 23 CFR 635.102. The terms *bond issue project*,