

curtailment of a major source of employment. The area must meet the qualifications as set forth in § 301.5 (a) through (c). Although no boundary constraints, as set forth in § 301.13, shall apply, the area for which designation is sought must be one for which EDA can obtain data establishing its eligibility for designation.

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Dated: April 1, 1996.

Wilbur F. Hawkins,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM-122; Special Conditions No. 25-M-111]

#### Special Conditions: McDonnell Douglas Model DC9-10, -20, -30, -40, -50, High-Intensity Radiated Fields

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final special conditions; request for comments; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This action corrects the comment due date in a final special conditions; request for comments, published on March 22, 1996, (61 FR 11728) concerning McDonnell Douglas Model DC9-10, -20, -30, -40, -50, high-intensity radiated fields.

**DATES:** The effective date of these special conditions is March 14, 1996. Comments must be received on or before May 6, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on these final special conditions, request for comments, may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Assistant Chief Council, Attn: Rules Docket (ANM-7), Docket No. NM-122, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056; or delivered in duplicate to the Office of the Assistant Chief Council at the above address. Comments must be marked: Docket No. NM-122.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerald Lakin, (206) 227-1187.

#### Correction of Publication

In the final special conditions; request for comments, on page 11728 in the issue of Friday, March 22, 1996, make the following correction:

In the **DATES** section on page 11728 in the third column the comments due

date was previously listed as April 6, 1996. This date should be changed to read May 6, 1996.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 1, 1996.

Donald P. Byrne,

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### 22 CFR Part 514

#### Exchange Visitor Program

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Interim final rule with request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency is amending its regulations which will clarify the procedures for requesting an extension of program duration for designated sponsors seeking such extension on behalf of a professor or research scholar participating in activities conducted by the sponsor. This amendment will also provide new procedures whereby the Agency may authorize a sponsor to design and conduct research programs that allow for the participation of a professor or research scholar for a period of time in excess of three years. Limitations governing the eligibility for program participation of professor and research scholar participants are also set forth. These limitations are set forth to enhance the integrity and programmatic effectiveness of the Exchange Visitor Program.

**DATES:** These rules are effective April 8, 1996. Written comments regarding this rule will be accepted until May 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this rule must be presented in duplicate and addressed as follows: United States Information Agency, Office of the General Counsel, Rulemaking 120, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley S. Colvin, Assistant General Counsel, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547; Telephone, (202) 619-4979.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 19, 1993, the Agency published a final rule that set forth comprehensive regulations for the Exchange Visitor Program (See 58 FR 15180.) This final rule defined clearly, the obligations, duties and relationships owed to or existing between the Agency, its designated exchange program sponsors,

and exchange participants. This rule also set forth, for the first time, specific regulations governing professor and research scholar exchange participants.

In formulating this comprehensive rule, the Agency consulted extensively with designated sponsors conducting various exchange activities under the umbrella of the Exchange Visitor Program. Thus, the academic community was instrumental in assisting the Agency in its drafting of regulations governing academic-based exchanges. This assistance resulted in the devotion of particular attention to the development of regulations governing professor and research scholar regulations and the length of time such exchange visitors should be permitted to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program.

Since 1949, a three year period of program duration has been afforded to professor and research scholar participants. During the development of the comprehensive rules published in 1993, the Agency received numerous comments suggesting that the period of program duration for professors and research scholars should be greater than three years. The Agency studied these comments at length but was unable to identify a compelling public diplomacy reason to abandon the long-standing three year limitation governing the program participation of professors and research scholars.

However, the Agency did recognize that in some circumstances an extension of this three year period of program participation would enhance the effectiveness of the Exchange Visitor Program. Accordingly, and in consultation with the academic community, the Agency adopted provisions that would allow the Responsible Officer of a designated exchange program to extend, in his or her discretion and for a six month period, the permitted length of program duration for a professor or research scholar participating in that sponsor's program. Such six month extension, if given, was to allow the professor or research scholar to complete his or her program.

In similar fashion, the Agency adopted provisions whereby a Responsible Officer could request that the Agency extend the program duration of a professor or research scholar for up to an additional three years. This regulatory provision, set forth at § 514.20(j)), has resulted in the false impression by some members of the academic community that the period of time that a professor or research scholar could participate in the program was now six, rather than three years. This