

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR 71 part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AWP CA E5 Apple Valley, CA [New]

Apple Valley Airport, CA
(Lat. 34°44'45"N, long. 117°11'10"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface with an 8-mile radius of the Apple Valley Airport and within 1.8 miles each side of the 016° bearing from the Apple Valley Airport, extending from the 8-miles radius to 12.5 miles north of the airport, excluding the Victorville, CA, Class E airspace area.

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Issued in Los Angeles, California, on May 15, 1997.

George D. Williams,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****14 CFR Part 243**

RIN 2105–AC62

[Docket No. OST–97–2198, Notice No. 97–6]

Domestic Passenger Manifest Information

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM); Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: At the request of the Air Transport Association, the Department is reopening the comment period for the domestic passenger manifest rulemaking

to allow airlines to conduct passenger surveys on some of the issues raised in the advance notice of rulemaking. The comment period, which closed on May 12, 1997, is reopened and now closes on June 20, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking should be filed with: Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, Docket No. OST–97–2198, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Five copies are requested, but not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Marvich, Office of International Transportation and Trade, DOT, (202) 366–4398; or, for legal questions, Joanne Petrie, Office of the General Counsel, DOT, (202) 366–9306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 13, 1997, the Department issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (62 FR 11789) concerning passenger manifest information on domestic air flights. The ANPRM requested information concerning operational and cost issues related to U.S. air carriers collecting basic information (e.g., full name, date of birth and/or social security number, emergency contact and telephone number) from passengers traveling on flights within the United States. The ANPRM provided 60 days for comments, and the comment period closed on May 12, 1997.

On May 9, 1997, the Air Transport Association (ATA) requested an extension of the comment period to June 20, 1997, in order to allow the airlines to provide more responsive information to the issues and questions posed in the ANPRM. In particular, a number of ATA's members developed a passenger survey to help determine the likely impact resulting from the collection of passenger manifest information. ATA stated that some of the carriers that intend to participate in the survey have not been able to conduct it because they have diverted their in-house personnel who would be involved in the survey to the ongoing Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) domestic passenger baggage match test. According to ATA, when that test is completed on May 19, 1997, the affected air carriers will reassign personnel to performing the survey and evaluating its results. ATA noted that, "[i]n view of the importance of the issues raised in the ANPRM and the current demands being placed on carrier resources because of the FAA bag match test, we ask that the comment period in this docket be extended until June 20. This will enable

carriers to perform the survey, and ATA and its members to analyze the results, and better answer in joint comments the questions that the ANPRM poses."

We agree that the ANPRM raises important issues and we are anxious to examine real-world data concerning the impacts of such potential requirements. The survey information should provide helpful information both for the Department in its deliberations in this rulemaking, and for the Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters. We are, therefore, reopening the comment period for the time requested. Comments are now due June 20, 1997.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40101, 40113, 40114, 41708, 41709, 41711, 41702, 46301, 46310, 46316.

Issued in Washington, DC on 21, May 1997.

Rodney E. Slater,

Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****21 CFR Parts 101, 161, and 501**

[Docket No. 92P–0441]

Food Labeling; Net Quantity of Contents; Compliance; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending to September 2, 1997, the comment period for a proposal to revise the agency's human and animal food labeling regulations that pertain to declarations of net quantity of contents on food packages. The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** of March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9826). The agency is taking this action in response to two requests for an extension of the comment period. This extension is intended to provide interested persons with additional time to submit comments to FDA on its proposal.

DATES: Written comments by September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Loretta A. Carey, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-158), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-5099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9826), FDA published a proposed rule to revise its human and animal food labeling regulations that pertain to declarations of net quantity of contents on food packages. That proposal set out procedures for determining whether net quantity of contents declarations accurately reflect the amount of product in food packages. Interested persons were given until June 2, 1997, to comment on the proposed rule.

FDA has received letters from trade associations that represent major segments of both the food and feed industries requesting the agency to grant a 90-day extension of the comment period on its proposed rule for determining compliance for net quantity of contents declarations. The requests argued that the proposed regulation is unusually technical in nature and includes procedures that will affect both food and feed manufacturers and consumers. The requests contend that additional time is needed for interested persons to evaluate fully the impact of the proposed regulation on various products and to assess and develop potential alternatives to the proposed procedures. The agency acknowledges that the proposed rule is quite technical in nature and, after careful consideration, has decided to grant an extension of the comment period until September 2, 1997.

Interested persons may, on or before September 2, 1997, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this proposed rule. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****30 CFR Parts 740, 745, 761, and 772**

RIN 1029-AB42 and 1029-AB82

Valid Existing Rights and Prohibitions of Section 522(e); Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.
ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 31, 1997, (62 FR 4836-72), the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) of the U.S. Department of the Interior published proposed rules which would implement and interpret section 522(e) of Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). On that date, OSM also made available for public comment a draft economic analysis (DEA) analyzing the potential impacts of the proposed rules. As a result of requests received, OSM is extending the comment period for the proposed rules and the DEA.

DATES: *Electronic or written comments:* OSM will accept electronic or written comments on the proposed rules and DEA until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: *Electronic or written comments:* Submit electronic comments to osmrules@osmre.gov. Mail written comments to the Administrative Record, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20240 or hand-deliver to Room 117 at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andy DeVito, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; Telephone (202) 208-2701; E-Mail: adevito@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 31, 1997 (62 FR 4836-72) OSM published two proposed rules dealing with the interpretation and implementation of section 522(e) of SMCRA. The first rule, RIN 1029-AB42, would amend OSM's regulations to redefine the circumstances under which a person has valid existing rights to conduct surface coal mining operations in areas where such operations are otherwise prohibited by section 522(e) of SMCRA. The second rule, RIN 1029-AB82, is a proposed interpretative rulemaking to address the question of

whether subsidence due to underground mining is a surface coal mining operation and thus prohibited in areas enumerated in section 522(e) of SMCRA. On January 31, 1997 (62 FR 4759), OSM also made available for public comment a DEIS analyzing the impact of the two proposed rules and the alternatives under consideration.

The comment period was scheduled to close on June 2, 1997. In order to accommodate several requests for an extension of the public comment period, OSM is extending the comment period until 5 p.m. Eastern time on August 1, 1997.

Under separate **Federal Register** Notice, the public comment period for the DEIS is also being extended until 5 p.m. Eastern time on August 1, 1997.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

Mary Josie Blanchard,

Assistant Director, Program Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****31 CFR Part 240**

RIN 1510-AA45

Indorsement and Payment of Checks Drawn on the United States Treasury

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: This reissues an earlier proposed revision of 31 CFR part 240, which governs the indorsement and payment of checks drawn on the United States Treasury. The purpose of this reissuance is to announce that it is Treasury's intention to supersede existing Federal common law regarding the apportionment of risk between Treasury and presenting banks with respect to certain materially defective Treasury checks, including counterfeits. Procedural changes are intended both to fix the time by which Treasury can decline payment on Treasury checks and to provide financial institutions with a date certain for final payment. These rules also provide greater clarity by defining previously undefined terms and by ensuring symmetry with current Treasury regulations governing Federal payments utilizing the Automated Clearing House method. In addition, these rules provide that Treasury may instruct Federal Reserve Banks to intercept and return, unpaid, benefit payment checks issued to deceased