

received a request from Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc. ("Heaven Hill") to extend the comment period 90 days. Heaven Hill stated that it has a number of specialty products that would be affected by the proposed changes and that it needed additional time to evaluate all products concerned in order to develop an appropriate response to the issues addressed in the notice.

In consideration of the above, we believe that a reopening of the comment period is warranted. However, the comment period is being reopened for 30 days. We believe that a comment period totaling 120 days is a sufficient amount of time for all interested parties to respond.

Public Participation

You may also submit comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 927-8602. Facsimile comments must:

- Be legible;
- Reference this notice number;
- Be 8½" x 11" in size;
- Contain a legible written signature; and
- Be not more than three pages long.

We will not acknowledge receipt of facsimile transmissions. We will treat facsimile transmissions as originals.

Disclosure

Copies of this notice, Notice No. 890, and the written comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Public Reading Room, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects 27 CFR Part 4

Advertising, Consumer protection, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Packaging and containers, and Wine.

Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued under the authority in 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: March 30, 2000.

Bradley A. Buckles,

Director.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 201

[Docket No. RM 2000-3A]

Public Performance of Sound Recordings: Definition of a Service

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office is seeking comments on a motion to suspend the rulemaking proceeding which would determine whether transmissions of a broadcast signal over a digital communications system, such as the internet, are exempt from copyright liability.

DATES: Written comments are due on April 17, 2000. Reply comments are due May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: If sent by mail, an original and ten copies of comments and reply comments should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If hand delivered, they should be brought to: Office of the General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-403, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Senior Attorney, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, PO Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 252-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 1, 2000, the Recording Industry Association of America, Inc. ("RIAA") filed a petition with the Copyright Office, requesting that it initiate a rulemaking proceeding to determine whether over-the-air broadcast radio transmissions that are transmitted over the Internet are exempt from copyright liability pursuant to section 114 of the Copyright Act, title 17 of the United States Code. On March 16, 2000, the Office published a notice of proposed rulemaking in which it requested comments on the scope of the section 114(a) exemption and whether the Office should decide this question through a notice and comment proceeding. 65 FR 14227 (March 16, 2000).

In response to that notice, the National Association of Broadcasters

("NAB") filed, on behalf of its members, a complaint against the RIAA in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking a declaratory ruling that a simultaneous transmission of an over-the-air broadcast of an FCC-licensed radio station over the Internet is exempt from the digital performance right in sound recordings and, consequently, is not subject to compulsory licensing under section 114 of the Act, or to discretionary licensing by individual copyright holders. Subsequently, NAB and ABC, Inc., AMFM, Inc., Bonneville International Corporation, CBS Corporation, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., Cox Radio, Inc., Emmis Communications Corporation and the Walt Disney Company (collectively "movants") filed a motion with the Copyright Office on March 29, 2000, requesting a suspension of the rulemaking proceeding regarding the Digital Performance Right in Sound Recordings.

In the motion, Movants suggest that the resolution of a fundamental question involving nothing more than the interpretation of a statutory provision is best left to a court of competent jurisdiction. Motion at 5. they intimate that an agency need not involve itself in such issues, at least in the first instance, unless the question raises regulatory policy concerns or falls within the unique expertise of the agency. They also argue that a rulemaking proceeding is an inadequate means for resolving such a "fundamental" issue, and for that reason such questions should be decided by a court.

Since the issues raised in the motion merely respond to the Office's request for comment on whether the Office should proceed to decide the question concerning the scope of the section 114(a) exemption through a notice and comment proceedings, the Office cannot address the merits of the motion until those parties with an interest in the proceeding have an opportunity to comment. Because the motion sets forth concrete arguments urging the Office defer addressing the scope of the section 114(a) exemption in a notice and comment proceeding in order to allow a court—in this instance, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York—the opportunity to resolve the issue, the Office is making the motion available at this time in order to give all interested parties notice of the motion and an opportunity to comment on the arguments set forth therein.

Copies of the motion are available from the Office of the General Counsel of Copyright at the address listed in this notice. The motion has also been posted

to the Copyright Office website (<http://www.loc.gov/copyright/licensing/motion-suspend.pdf>). Comments on the motion to suspend are to be included in the comments a party submits on the substantive issues set forth in the initial notice of proposed rulemaking. Comments are due on April 17, 2000, and reply comments are due on May 1, 2000, the dates specified in the initial notice of proposed rulemaking, and should be included as part of any comments interested parties submit in response to the initial notice of proposed rulemaking.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Marilyn J. Kretsinger,

Assistant General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA-157-0222 b; FRL-6570-1]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, San Diego County, San Joaquin Valley Unified, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern rule rescissions from the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), San Diego County Air Pollution Control (SDCAPCD), San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and amendments to the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

The intended effect of this action is to update and clarify the State Implementation Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. 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. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations: California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, 8411 Jackson Rd., Sacramento, CA 95826

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, 9150 Chesapeake Drive, San Diego, CA 92123-1096

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, 1999 Tuolumne Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, 669 County Square Drive, Ventura, CA 93003

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia G. Allen, (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901; Telephone: (415) 744-1189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns the rule revisions listed below, submitted to EPA by the California Resources Board on the dates listed for each rule.

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)

Rule 445, Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning, submitted 05/18/98; rescission adopted 10/03/96.

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDCAPCD)

Rule 67.8, Dry Cleaning Facilities Using Halogenated Organic Solvent, submitted 07/23/99, rescission adopted 11/04/98.

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD)

Rule 4671, Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning System, submitted 10/13/95, rescission adopted 06/15/95.

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD)

Rule 74.5.2, Dry Cleaning Facilities Using Halogenated Organic Solvents, submitted 08/10/95 revision adopted 05/09/95.

For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Laura Yoshii,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 236-0225b; FRL-6569-6]

Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision concerns volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from adhesives and sealants. We are proposing to approve a local rule to regulate this emission source under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by May 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

You can inspect copies of the submitted rule revision and EPA's technical support document (TSD) at our Region IX office during normal business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted rule revision at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, 26 Castilian Dr., Suite B-23, Goleta, CA 93117.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Fong, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 744-1199.