

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, 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 safety zones lasting in a limited duration that will prohibit entry within 700 feet of the pyrotechnic launch locations. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2-1 of the Commandant Instruction. A Record of Environmental Consideration for categorically excluded actions is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, and 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: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C., 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

- 2. Add § 165.T11-850 to read as follows:

§ 165.T11-850 Safety Zone; San Francisco Independence Day Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA.

(a) *Location.* These temporary safety zones are established in the navigable waters of the San Francisco Bay near Aquatic Park in San Francisco, CA, as depicted in National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chart 18650. From 9 a.m. on July 3, 2017 until 9:15 p.m. on July 4, 2017, the temporary safety zones apply to the nearest point of the fireworks barges within a radius of 100 feet during the loading, transit, and arrival of the fireworks barges from Pier 50 to the launch sites near Aquatic Park in approximate positions 37°48'49" N., 122°24'46" W. and 37°48'45" N., 122°25'39" W. (NAD83). From 9:15 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017, the temporary safety zones will increase in size and encompass the navigable waters around and under the fireworks barges in approximate positions 37°48'49" N., 122°24'46" W. and 37°48'45" N., 122°25'39" W. (NAD83) within a radius of 700 feet.

(b) *Enforcement period.* The zones described in paragraph (a) of this section will be enforced from 9 a.m. on July 3, 2017 until 10:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017. The Captain of the Port of San Francisco (COTP) will notify the maritime community of periods during which these zones will be enforced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7.

(c) *Definitions.* As used in this section, "designated representative" means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer on a Coast Guard vessel or a Federal, State, or local officer designated by or assisting the COTP in the enforcement of the safety zones.

(d) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general regulations in 33 CFR part 165, subpart C, entry into, transiting or anchoring within these safety zones is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP or a designated representative.

(2) The safety zones are closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP or a designated representative.

(3) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zones must contact the COTP or a designated representative to obtain permission to do so. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zones must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP or a designated representative. Persons and vessels may request permission to enter the safety zones on VHF-23A or through the 24-hour Command Center at telephone (415) 399-3547.

Dated: May 25, 2017.

Anthony J. Ceraolo,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, San Francisco.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0560]

Safety Zones; Ashland 4th of July Fireworks Display, Chequamegon Bay, Ashland, WI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone for the Ashland 4th of July Fireworks Display in Ashland, WI from 9:30 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017. This action is necessary to protect participants and spectators during the Ashland 4th of July Fireworks Display. During the enforcement period, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Duluth or her designated on-scene representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.943(b) will be enforced from 9:30 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017, for the Ashland 4th of July Fireworks Display safety zone, § 165.943(a)(6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this document, call or email LT John Mack, Chief of Waterways Management, Coast Guard; telephone (218) 725-3818, email john.v.mack@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone for the annual Ashland 4th of July Fireworks Display in 33 CFR 165.943(a)(6) from 9:30 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. on July 4, 2017 on all waters of Chequamegon Bay bounded by the arc of a circle with a 560-foot radius from the fireworks launch site with its center in position 46°35'50" N., 090°52'59" W.

Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Duluth or her designated on-scene representative. The Captain of the Port's designated on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or telephone at (715) 779-5100.

This document is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.943 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this publication in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of the enforcement of this safety zone via Broadcast Notice to Mariners. The

Captain of the Port Duluth or her on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or telephone at (715) 779-5100.

Dated: June 22, 2017.

E.E. Williams,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. PTO-T-2010-0016]

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Revival of Abandoned Applications, Reinstatement of Abandoned Applications and Cancelled or Expired Registrations, and Petitions to the Director

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office or USPTO) amends its rules regarding petitions to revive an abandoned trademark application and petitions to the Director of the USPTO (Director) regarding other trademark matters and to codify USPTO practice regarding requests for reinstatement of abandoned trademark applications and cancelled or expired trademark registrations. The changes will permit the USPTO to provide more detailed procedures regarding the deadlines and requirements for requesting revival, reinstatement, or other action by the Director. These rules will thereby ensure that the public has notice of the deadlines and requirements for making such requests, facilitate the efficient and consistent processing of such requests, and promote the integrity of application/registration information in the trademark electronic records system as an accurate reflection of the status of applications and registrations.

DATES: This rule is effective on July 8, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Cain, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademarks Examination Policy, by email at TMFRNotices@uspto.gov or by telephone at (571) 272-8946.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The USPTO revises the rules in part 2 of title 37 of the Code of

Federal Regulations to provide more detailed procedures regarding the deadlines and requirements for petitions to revive an abandoned trademark application under 37 CFR 2.66 and petitions to the Director under 37 CFR 2.146. The changes also codify USPTO practice regarding requests for reinstatement of trademark applications that were abandoned and trademark registrations that were cancelled or expired, due to Office error. By providing more detailed procedures regarding requesting revival, reinstatement, or other action by the Director, the rulemaking benefits applicants, registrants, and the public because it: (1) Promotes the integrity of application/registration information in the trademark electronic records system as an accurate reflection of the status of live applications and registrations; (2) clarifies the time periods in which applications or registrations can be revived or reinstated after abandonment or cancellation and specifies the related filing requirements; (3) clarifies the deadline for requesting that the Director take action regarding other matters; and (4) facilitates the efficient and consistent handling of such requests.

The public relies on the trademark electronic records system to determine whether a chosen mark is available for use or registration. Applicants are encouraged to utilize the trademark electronic search system, which provides access to text and images of marks, to determine whether a mark in any pending application or current registration is similar to their mark and used on the same or related products or for the same or related services. The search system also indicates the status of an application or registration, that is, whether the application or registration is live or dead. A “live” status indicates the application or registration is active and may bar the registration of a similar mark in a new application. A “dead” status indicates the application has become abandoned or the registration is cancelled or expired and does not serve as a bar to registration of a similar mark in a new application unless it is restored to a live status pursuant to a corresponding rule.

When a party’s search discloses a potentially confusingly similar mark, that party may incur a variety of resulting costs and burdens, such as those associated with investigating the actual use of the disclosed mark to assess any conflict, proceedings to oppose the application or cancel the registration or of the disclosed mark, civil litigation to resolve a dispute over the mark, or changing plans to avoid use of the party’s chosen mark. In order to

determine whether to undertake one or more of these actions, the party would refer to the status of the conflicting application/registration and would need to consult the relevant rule to determine whether the application or registration is within the time period in which the applicant or registrant may request revival, reinstatement, or other action by the Director. Thus, the effective notice provided by the USPTO’s records plays a critical role in a party’s decision-making by enabling the party to clearly distinguish between the dead marks that are no longer candidates for, or protected by, a federal registration and those that are still able to be restored to active status.

If the trademark electronic records system indicates that an application or registration is dead because it is abandoned, cancelled, or expired, and there is any doubt as to whether the application or registration might be eligible for revival, reinstatement, or other action by the Director, the costs and burdens discussed above may be incurred unnecessarily. By providing more detailed procedures as to the deadlines and requirements for requesting revival, reinstatement, or other action by the Director, these rules will help the public avoid such needless costs and burdens and promote the efficient and consistent processing of such requests by the Office.

Background

Petition To Revive: The statutory period for responding to an examining attorney’s Office action is six months from the Office action’s date of issuance. 15 U.S.C. 1062(b); 37 CFR 2.62(a). If no response is received by the USPTO within the statutory period, and the Office action was sent to the correspondence address in the USPTO’s records, the application is then abandoned in full or in part, as appropriate. 37 CFR 2.65(a); *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure* (TMEP) § 718.06.

The statutory period for filing a statement of use or a request for an extension of time to file a statement of use, in response to a notice of allowance issued under section 13(b)(2) of the Trademark Act (Act), is also six months. 15 U.S.C. 1051(d)(1), (2); 37 CFR 2.88(a), 2.89(a). Thus, an application is abandoned if the applicant fails to file a statement of use or request for an extension of time to file a statement of use within the statutory period or within a previously granted extension period. 37 CFR 2.65(c), 2.88(k); TMEP § 718.04.

An application is considered to be abandoned as of the day after the date