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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

27 CFR Parts 5, 19, 24, 25, 70, and 250

[Notice No. 819; Ref: Notice No. 816]

RIN 1512-AB40

Registration of Formulas and Statements of Process for Certain Domestically Produced Wines, Distilled Spirits and Beer (95R-019P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for Notice No. 816, a notice of proposed rulemaking, published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995. ATF has received a request to extend the comment period in order to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to respond to the issues addressed in the notice.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; P.O. Box 50221; Washington, DC 20091-0221; *ATTN: Notice No. 816.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James P. Ficaretta, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-8230).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 27, 1995, ATF published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register soliciting comments from the public and industry on a proposal to amend the regulations to require the registration, rather than approval, of formulas and statements of process for certain domestically produced wines,

distilled spirits, and beer (Notice No. 816; 60 FR 58311).

The comment period for Notice No. 816 was scheduled to close on January 26, 1996. Prior to the close of the comment period ATF received a request from a national trade association, the National Association of Beverage Importers, Inc. (NABI), to extend the comment period an additional 30 days. NABI, representing the companies that import most of the alcoholic beverages brought into the United States, stated that the additional time is needed for it to obtain information from its foreign counterparts and suppliers in order to prepare the association's comments.

In consideration of the above, ATF finds that an extension of the comment period is warranted and the Bureau is, therefore, extending the comment period until February 26, 1996.

Drafting Information

The author of this document is James P. Ficaretta, Wine, Beer, and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

List of Subjects

27 CFR Part 5

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

27 CFR Part 19

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Authority delegations, Claims, Chemicals, Customs duties and inspection, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Exports, Gasohol, Imports, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Reporting requirements, Research, Security measures, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Transportation, U.S. possessions, Warehouses, and Wine.

27 CFR Part 24

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations, Claims, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Exports, Food additives, Fruit juices, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Scientific equipment, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Taxpaid wine bottling house, Transportation, Vinegar, Warehouses, and Wine.

27 CFR Part 25

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations, Beer, Claims, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Surety bonds, and Transportation.

27 CFR Part 70

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Appeals, Authority delegations, Cancellations, Claims, Government employees, Informal conferences, Law enforcement, and Law enforcement officers.

27 CFR Part 250

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Beer, Claims, Customs duties and inspection, Drugs, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Foods, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Puerto Rico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Transportation, Virgin Islands, Warehouses, and Wine.

Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued under the authority in 5 U.S.C. 552; 26 U.S.C. 7805; 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: January 22, 1996.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 925

[SPATS No. MO-025-FOR]

Missouri Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is

announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Missouri regulatory program (hereinafter the "Missouri program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The proposed amendment consists of a proposed set of revegetation success guidelines and a rulemaking that eliminates the reference to an earlier set of guidelines that was never approved by OSM. The amendment is intended to revise the Missouri program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., February 26, 1996. If requested, a public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on February 20, 1996. Requests to speak at the hearing must be received by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t., on February 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed or hand delivered to Brent Wahlquist, Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center, at the address listed below.

Copies of the Missouri program, the proposed amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document will be available for public review at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Each requester may receive one free copy of the proposed amendment by contacting OSM's Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center. Brent Wahlquist, Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Alton Federal Building, 501 Belle Street, Alton, Illinois 62002, Telephone: (618) 463-6460.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Land Reclamation Program, 205 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, Telephone: (573) 751-4041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brent Wahlquist, Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center, Telephone: (618) 463-6460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background in the Missouri Program

On November 21, 1980, the Secretary of Interior conditionally approved the Missouri program. General background information on the Missouri program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of approval of the Missouri program can be found in the November 21, 1980, Federal Register (45 FR 77017). Subsequent actions concerning

Missouri's program and program amendments can be found at 30 CFR 925.12, 925.15, and 925.16.

II. Description of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated December 14, 1995 (Administrative Record No. MO-633), Missouri submitted a proposed amendment to its program pursuant to SMCRA. Missouri submitted the proposed amendment in response to the required program amendment at 30 CFR 925.16(a). The provisions of the Code of State Regulations (CSR) that Missouri proposes to amend are: 10 CSR 40-3.120(6)(B)2.A-H., Specific revegetation success standards for postmining land uses.

Specifically, Missouri proposes revisions to its approved program for evaluating revegetation success. Missouri revises its regulations for the specific standards for each of its approved land uses to delete the reference to an earlier set of guidelines that had not been approved by OSM and reference the guidelines as currently proposed in this amendment. The proposed revegetation success guidelines consist of eight separate guidance documents that establish the revegetation success standards by land use. These documents are titled the: (1) Phase II and Phase III revegetation standards for prime farmland; (2) Phase III revegetation standards for cropland; (3) Phase III revegetation standards for pasture and previously mined areas; (4) Phase III revegetation standards for wildlife habitat; (5) Phase III revegetation standards for woodland; (6) Phase III success standards for industrial/commercial revegetation; (7) Phase III revegetation success standards for residential land use; and (8) Phase III revegetation success standards for recreation land use. Each set of guidelines elaborates by land use type the revegetation success standards, measurement frequency, sampling procedures, data submission and analysis, maps, and mitigation plan. The guidance documents follow the approved Missouri program regulations at 10 CSR 40-3.120(6)/3.270(6).

III. Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), OSM is seeking comments on whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the Missouri program.

Written Comments

Written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of the commenter's recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under "DATES" or at locations other than the Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the Administrative Record.

Public Hearing

Persons wishing to speak at the public hearing should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4:00 p.m., c.s.t. on February 12, 1996. Any disabled individual who has need for a special accommodation to attend a public hearing should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The location and time of the hearing will be arranged with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to speak at the public hearing, the hearing will not be held.

Filing of a written statement at the time of the hearing is requested as it will greatly assist the transcriber. Submission of written statements in advance of the hearing will allow OSM officials to prepare adequate responses and appropriate questions.

The public hearing will continue on the specified date until all persons scheduled to speak have been heard. Persons in the audience who have not been scheduled to speak, and who wish to do so, will be heard following those who have been scheduled. The hearing will end after all persons scheduled to speak and persons present in the audience who wish to speak have been heard.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to speak at a hearing, a public meeting, rather than a public hearing, may be held. Persons wishing to meet with OSM representatives to discuss the proposed amendment may request a meeting by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if possible, notices of meetings will be posted at the locations listed under **ADDRESSES**. A written summary of each meeting will be made a part of the Administrative Record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

Executive Order 12778

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 2 of Executive Order 12778 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that, to the extent allowed by law, this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments since each such program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that

existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 925

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: January 18, 1996.

Charles E. Sandberg,

Acting Regional Director, Mid-Continent
Regional Coordinating Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD01-95-139]

RIN 2115-AE84

Safety Zone; Chelsea River, Boston
Inner Harbor, Boston, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is soliciting public comment as to whether to and, if so, how to amend the safety zone regulation for the waters of the Chelsea River, Boston Inner Harbor. Any proposed amendments should update the safety zone to reflect recent structural changes in the Chelsea Street Bridge and surrounding areas, and should address the rationale regarding vessel size limitations and vessel tug assist requirements.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Captain of the Port Boston, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, 455 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109-1045. Comments may also be hand-delivered to the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223-3000. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address during the hours noted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Joseph L. Duffy, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Boston, MA (617) 223-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in the early stages of this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this specific ANPRM (CGD01-95-139) and the specific issue to which each comment applies, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an 8½" by 11" unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons desiring acknowledgement of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

All comments received before the expiration of the comment period will be considered before any proposed rule is drafted. Late submittals will be considered to the extent practicable without delaying the publication of any proposed rule.

At this time the Coast Guard has not scheduled any public hearings. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Project Manager at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Requests should indicate why a public hearing is considered necessary. If the Coast Guard determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid any rulemaking, it will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information: The principal persons involved in drafting this document are LCDR Mark Grossetti, Marine Safety Office Boston, and CDR John Astley, Project Counsel, First Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Background

The Chelsea Street Bridge is a bascule-type bridge owned by the City of Boston and originally constructed in 1939. It spans the Chelsea River providing a means for vehicles to travel between Chelsea, MA and East Boston, MA. Several petroleum-product transfer facilities are located on the Chelsea River, upstream and downstream of the Chelsea Street Bridge. Transit of tank vessels through the bridge is necessary to access the facilities upstream of the bridge. The narrow bridge-span opening creates a very difficult passage through the bridge for larger vessels. Adding to the difficulty are the close proximity of neighboring shore structures and, at times, vessels moored at facilities adjacent to the bridge.