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§ 501.2 General.


(b) Establishment and composition of the Commission. The Commission was established as an independent agency by Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, effective August 12, 1961, and is composed of five Commissioners ("Commissioners" or "members"), appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than three Commissioners may be appointed from the same political party. The President designates one of the Commissioners to be the Chairman of the Commission ("Chairman").

(c) Terms and vacancies. The term of each member of the Commission is 5 years and begins when the term of the predecessor of that member ends (i.e., on June 30 of each successive year), except that, when the term of office of a member ends, the member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy in the office of any Commissioner shall be
§ 501.3 Organizational components of the Federal Maritime Commission.

The major organizational components of the Commission are set forth in the Organization Chart attached as Appendix A to this part. An outline table of the components/functions follows:

(a) Office of the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission.
   (Chief Executive and Administrative Officer, and FOIA and Privacy Act Appeals Officer.)
   (1) Information Security Officer.
   (2) Designated Agency Ethics Official.

(b) Offices of the Members of the Federal Maritime Commission. (Include the Chairman, ADP Committee.)
(c) Office of the Secretary. (FOIA and Privacy Act Officer; Federal Register Liaison; Alternative Disputes Resolution Coordinator.)
(d) Office of the General Counsel. (Ethics Official.)
(e) Office of Administrative Law Judges.
(f) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity.
(g) Office of the Inspector General.
(h) Office of the Managing Director.
   (Chief Operating Officer; Designated Senior IRM Official; Senior Procurement Executive and ATFI Contracting Officer; Audit Followup and Management Controls.)
   (1) Office of Information Resources Management. (Senior IRM Manager; Computer Security; Forms Control; Records Management.)
   (2) Office of Information Management.

(i) Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis.
   (1) Office of Agreements and Information Management.
   (2) Office of Monitoring I.
   (3) Office of Monitoring II.

(j) Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
   (1) Office of Tariffs.
   (2) Tariff Control Center.
   (3) Office of Service Contracts and Passenger Vessel Operations.
   (4) Office of Freight Forwarders.

(k) Office of Administrative Services.
   (1) Office of Budget and Financial Management. (Chief Financial Officer.)
   (2) Office of Personnel.

(l) Bureau of Enforcement.
   (1) New York District.
   (2) Miami District.
   (3) Los Angeles District.

(m) Bureau of Administration. (Competition Advocate; Information Security; Principal Management Officer on Small Agency Council.)
   (1) Office of Administrative Services. (Physical Security; FMC Contracting Officer.)
   (2) Office of Budget and Financial Management. (Chief Financial Officer.)
   (3) Office of Personnel.

(n) Boards and Committees.
   (1) Executive Resources Board.
   (2) Committee on Automated Data Processing.
   (3) Performance Review Board.
§ 501.5 Functions of the organizational components of the Federal Maritime Commission.

As further provided in subpart C of this part, the functions, including the delegated authority of the Commission's organizational components and/or officials to exercise their functions and to take all actions necessary to direct and carry out their assigned duties and responsibilities under the lines of responsibility set forth in § 501.4, are briefly set forth as follows:

(a) Chairman. As the chief executive and administrative officer of the Commission, the Chairman presides at meetings of the Commission, administers the policies of the Commission to its responsible officials, and assures the efficient discharge of their responsibilities. The Chairman provides management direction to the Offices of Equal Employment Opportunity, Inspector General, Secretary, General Counsel, Administrative Law Judges, and Managing Director with respect to all matters concerning overall Commission workflow, resource allocation (both staff and budgetary), work priorities and similar managerial matters; and establishes, as necessary, various committees and boards to address overall operations of the agency. The Chairman serves as appeals officer under both the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act. The Chairman appoints the heads of major administrative units after consultation with other Commissioners. In addition, the Chairman, as "head of the agency," has certain responsibilities under Federal laws and directives not specifically related to shipping. For example, the special offices or officers within the Commission, listed under paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) of this section, are appointed or designated by the Chairman, are under his or her direct supervision and report directly to the Chairman:

(1) Under the direction and management of the Office Director, the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") ensures that statutory and regulatory prohibitions against discrimination in employment and the requirements for related programs are fully implemented. As such, the Office administers and implements comprehensive programs on discrimination complaints processing, affirmative action and special emphasis. The Director, EEO, advises the Chairman regarding EEO's plans, procedures, regulations, reports and other matters pertaining to policy and the agency programs. Additionally, the Director provides leadership and advice to managers and supervisors in carrying out their respective responsibilities in equal employment opportunity. The Office administers and implements these program responsibilities in accordance with Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEOC") Regulations at 29 CFR part 1614 and other relevant EEOC Directives and Bulletins.
(2) Under the direction and management of the Inspector General, the Office of Inspector General conducts, supervises and coordinates audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission; reviews existing and proposed legislation and regulations pertaining to such programs and operations; provides leadership and coordination and recommends policies for activities designed to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations; and advises the Chairman and the Congress fully and currently about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress of corrective action.

(3) The Information Security Officer is a senior agency official designated under §503.52 of this chapter to direct and administer the Commission’s information security program, which includes an active oversight and security education program to ensure effective implementation of Executive Order 12356.

(4) The Designated Agency Ethics Official and Alternate are appropriate agency employees formally designated under 5 CFR 2638.202 and §500.105 of this chapter to coordinate and manage the ethics program as set forth in 5 CFR 2638.203, which includes the functions of advising on matters of employee responsibilities and conduct under part 500 of this chapter, and serving as the Commission’s designee(s) to the Office of Personnel Management on such matters. They provide counseling and guidance to employees on conflicts of interest and other ethical matters.

(b) Commissioners. The members of the Commission, including the Chairman, implement various shipping statutes and related directives by rendering decisions, issuing orders, and adopting and enforcing rules and regulations governing persons subject to the shipping statutes; and perform other duties and functions as may be appropriate under reorganization plans, statutes, executive orders, and regulations.

(c) Secretary. Under the direction and management of the Secretary, the Office of the Secretary:

(1) Is responsible for the preparation, maintenance and disposition of the official files and records documenting the business of the Commission. In this regard, the Office:

(i) Prepares and, as appropriate, publishes agenda of matters for action by the Commission, prepares and maintains the minutes with respect to such actions; signs, serves and issues, on behalf of the Commission, documents implementing such actions, and coordinates follow-up thereon.

(ii) Receives and processes formal and informal complaints involving alleged statutory violations, petitions for relief, special docket applications (including the issuance of decisions therein), applications to correct clerical or administrative errors in service contracts, requests for conciliation service, staff recommendations for investigation and rulemaking proceedings, and motions and filings relating thereto.

(iii) Disseminates information regarding the proceedings, activities, functions, and responsibilities of the Commission to the maritime industry, news media, general public, and other government agencies. In this capacity the Office also:

(A) Administers the Commission’s Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act and Government in the Sunshine Act responsibilities; the Secretary serves as the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Officer.

(B) Authenticates records of the Commission.

(C) Receives and responds to subpoenas directed to Commission personnel and/or records.

(D) Compiles and publishes the bound volumes of Commission decisions.

(E) Coordinates publication of documents, including rules and modifications thereto, with the Office of the Federal Register; the Secretary serves as the Federal Register Liaison Officer and Certifying Officer.

(2) Through the Secretary and, in the absence or preoccupation of the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary, administers oaths pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2903(b).
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(3) Coordinates Alternative Dispute Resolution activities within the Commission.

(4) Through the Office of Informal Inquiries, Complaints and Informal Dockets:
   (i) Advises the Commission on significant public interest issues in current and proposed policies, programs, and decisions;
   (ii) Receives, coordinates, and responds to informal inquiries, complaints, suggestions, and expressions of concern from the public and contacts carriers, conferences, and other persons to effect solutions;
   (iii) Publicizes Commission policies, programs, and activities of interest to the Commission’s shipping public; and
   (iv) Adjudicates small claims ($10,000 or less) arising from alleged violations of the shipping statutes.

(d) General Counsel. Under the direction and management of the General Counsel, the Office of the General Counsel:
   (1) Reviews for legal sufficiency all staff memoranda and recommendations that are presented for Commission action and staff actions acted upon pursuant to delegated authority under §§ 501.26(i) and 501.26(k).
   (2) Provides written or oral legal opinions to the Commission, to the staff, and to the general public in appropriate cases.
   (3) Prepares and/or reviews for legal sufficiency, before service, all final Commission decisions, orders, and regulations.
   (4) Monitors, reviews and, as requested by the Committees of the Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, or the Chairman, prepares comments on all legislation introduced in the Congress affecting the Commission’s programs or activities, and prepares draft legislation or amendments to legislation; coordinates such matters with the appropriate Bureau, Office or official and advises appropriate Commission officials of legislation which may impact the programs and activities of the Commission. Also prepares testimony for Congressional hearings and responses to requests from Congressional offices.
   (5) Serves as the legal representative of the Commission in courts and in administrative proceedings before other Government agencies.
   (6) Monitors and reports on international maritime developments, including laws and practices of foreign governments which affect ocean shipping; and identifies potential state-controlled carriers within the meaning of section 3(8) of the Shipping Act of 1984, researches their status, and makes recommendations to the Commission concerning their classification.
   (7) Represents the Commission in U.S. Government interagency groups dealing with international maritime issues; serves as a technical advisor on regulatory matters in bilateral and multilateral maritime discussions; and coordinates Commission activities through liaison with other Government agencies and programs and international organizations.
   (8) Screens, routes, and maintains custody of U.S. Government and international organization documents, subject to the classification and safekeeping controls administered by the Commission’s Information Security Officer.
   (9) Reviews for legal sufficiency all adverse personnel actions, procurement activities, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act matters and other administrative actions.
   (10) Manages the Commission’s library and related services.
   (e) Administrative Law Judges. Under the direction and management of the Chief Administrative Law Judge, the Office of Administrative Law Judges holds hearings and renders initial or recommended decisions in formal rule-making and adjudicatory proceedings as provided in the Shipping Act of 1984, and other applicable laws and other matters assigned by the Commission, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.
   (f) The Office of the Managing Director.
   (1) The Managing Director:
      (i) As senior staff official, is responsible to the Chairman for the management and coordination of Commission programs managed by the operating Bureaus of Enforcement; Administration; Economics and Agreement Analysis; and Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, as more fully described in
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paragraphs (g) through (k) of this section, and thereby implements the regulatory policies of the Commission and the administrative policies and directives of the Chairman;

(ii) Provides administrative guidance to all units of the Commission other than the operating bureaus listed in paragraph (f)(1) of this section, except the Offices of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Inspector General, which are provided administrative assistance;

(iii) Is the agency’s Senior Procurement Executive under 41 U.S.C. 414(3) and Commission Order No. 112;

(iv) As the Designated Senior Information Resources Management Official under 44 U.S.C. 501-520 and 3501-3520 and Commission Order No. 117, reviews recommendations of the Commission’s Committee on Automated Data Processing and submits them to the Chairman under Commission Orders Nos. 98 and 117;

(v) Is the Audit Follow-up and Management (Internal) Controls Official for the Commission under Commission Orders Nos. 103 and 106; and

(vi) Is the agency’s Chief Operating Officer, as appointed by the Chairman in response to the President’s October 1, 1993, memorandum on management reform.

(2) The Office of Managing Director ensures the periodic review and updating of Commission orders.

(3) A Deputy Managing Director, reporting directly to the Managing Director, supervises the development of, and serves as Contracting Officer for, the Commission’s Automated Tariff Filing and Information (“ATFI”) System.

(4) Is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Office of Information Resources Management. The Office of Information Resources Management, under the direction and management of the Office Director, provides administrative support with respect to information resources management to the program operations of the Commission. The Office interprets governmental policies and programs for information management and administers these in a manner consistent with Federal guidelines. The Office initiates recommendations, collaborating with other elements of the Commission as warranted, for long-range plans, new or revised policies and standards, and rules and regulations, with respect to its program activities. The Office’s major functions include: administration of the information resources management program under the Paperwork Reduction Act; management studies and surveys; data telecommunications/database management and application development; records management; IRM contract administration; development of Paperwork Reduction Act clearances for submission to the Office of Management and Budget; computer security; and forms management. The Director of the Office serves as Senior IRM Manager, Forms Control Officer, Computer Security Officer, Records Management Officer, and ADP Coordinator for the Committee on Automated Data Processing.

(g) Under the direction and management of the Bureau Director, the Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis develops and administers programs in connection with the anticompetitive and cooperative arrangements and practices of common carriers by water, freight forwarders and terminal operators in the foreign commerce of the U.S., including the filing of ocean common carrier agreements under section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984, and the filing of agreements by marine terminal operators under section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984. The Bureau provides expert economic testimony and support in formal proceedings, particularly regarding unfair foreign shipping practices under section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, and the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988.

(h) Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing. Under the direction and management of the Bureau Director, the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing plans, develops and administers programs in connection with tariffs filed by common carriers and marine terminal operators; ocean common carrier service contracts; financial responsibility of non-vessel operating common carriers; licensing ocean
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freight forwarders; certifying the financial responsibility of passenger vessel owners and operators. These programs carry out provisions of the Shipping Act of 1984; and Public Law 89-777, as implemented under Parts 510, 514, 540, 582 and 583 of this chapter. The Bureau maintains tariff data filed in electronic form on the Commission’s Automated Tariff Filing and Information System (“ATFI”). The Bureau develops long-range plans, new or revised policies and standards, and rules and regulations with respect to these programs. It also cooperates with other Commission components with regard to the enforcement of the Commission’s regulatory requirements, and provides expert testimony and support in formal proceedings. The Bureau’s program activities are carried out by the Office of Tariffs, the Office of Service Contracts and Passenger Vessel Operations and the Office of Freight Forwarders.

(i) Bureau of Enforcement; Area Representatives. Under the direction and management of the Bureau Director, the Bureau of Enforcement:

(1) Participates as trial counsel in formal Commission proceedings when designated by Commission order, or when intervention is granted;

(2) Initiates, processes and negotiates the informal compromise of civil penalties under § 501.28 of this part and § 502.604 of this chapter, and represents the Commission in proceedings and circumstances as designated;

(3) Acts as staff counsel to the Managing Director and other bureaus and offices;

(4) Coordinates with other bureaus and offices to provide legal advice, attorney liaison, and prosecution, as warranted, in connection with enforcement matters; and

(5) Conducts investigations leading to enforcement action, advises the Federal Maritime Commission of evolving competitive practices in international and domestic offshore commerce, assesses the practical repercussions of Commission regulations, educates the industry regarding policy and statutory requirements, assists in the resolution of disputes within the industry, and provides liaison, cooperation, and other coordination between the Commission and the maritime industry, shippers, and other government agencies.

(6) Maintains a presence in locations other than Washington, D.C. through Area Representatives whose activities include the following:

(i) Representing the Commission within their respective geographic areas;

(ii) Providing liaison between the Commission and the shipping industry and interested public; conveying pertinent information regarding regulatory activities and problems; and recommending courses of action and solutions to problems as they relate to the shipping public, the affected industry, and the Commission;

(iii) Furnishing to interested persons information, advice, and access to Commission public documents;

(iv) Receiving and resolving informal complaints, in coordination with the Director, Office of Informal Inquiries, Complaints and Informal Dockets;

(v) Investigating potential violations of the shipping statutes and the Commission’s regulations;

(vi) Conducting shipping industry surveillance programs to ensure compliance with the shipping statutes and Commission regulations. Such programs include common carrier audits, service contract audits and compliance checks of ocean freight forwarders;

(vii) Upon request of the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, auditing passenger vessel operators to determine the adequacy of performance bonds and the availability of funds to pay liability claims for death or injury, and assisting in the background surveys of ocean freight forwarder applicants;

(viii) Conducting special surveys and studies, and recommending policies to strengthen enforcement of the shipping laws;

(ix) Maintaining liaison with Federal and State agencies with respect to areas of mutual concern; and

(x) Providing assistance to the various bureaus and offices of the Commission as appropriate and when requested.

(j) [Reserved]

(k) Under the direction and management of the Bureau Director, the Bureau of Administration is responsible
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for the administration and coordination of the Offices of: Administrative Services; Budget and Financial Management; and Personnel. The Bureau provides administrative support to the program operations of the Commission. The Bureau interprets governmental policies and programs and administers these in a manner consistent with Federal guidelines, including those involving procurement, financial management and personnel. The Bureau initiates recommendations, collaborating with other elements of the Commission as warranted, for long-range plans, new or revised policies and standards, and rules and regulations, with respect to its program activities. The Office of the Bureau Director is responsible for directing and administering the Commission’s training and development function. The Bureau Director is the Commission’s Competition Advocate under 41 U.S.C. 418(a) and Commission Order No. 112, as well as the Commission’s representative, as Principal Management Official, to the Small Agency Council. Other Bureau programs are carried out by its Offices, as follows:

(1) The Office of Administrative Services, under the direction and management of the Office Director, directs and administers a wide variety of management support service functions of the Commission. The Director of the Office is the Commission’s principal Contracting Officer under Commission Order No. 112. Programs include communications; audio and voice telecommunications; procurement of and contracting for administrative goods and services, including the utilization of small and disadvantaged businesses; management of property; space; printing and copying; mail and records services; Forms and graphic designs; facilities; and equipment maintenance; and transportation.

(2) The Office of Budget and Financial Management, under the direction and management of the Office Director, administers the Commission’s financial management program, including fiscal accounting activities, fee and forfeiture collections, and payments, and ensures that Commission obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds are proper; develops annual budget justifications for submission to the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget; develops and administers internal controls systems that provide accountability for agency funds; administers the Commission’s travel and cash management programs, as well as the Commission’s Imprest Funds; ensures accountability for official passports; and assists in the development of proper levels of user fees. The Director of the Office is the Commission’s Chief Financial Officer.

(3) The Office of Personnel, under the direction and management of the Office Director, plans and administers a complete personnel management program including: Recruitment and placement; position classification and pay administration; occupational safety and health; employee counseling services; employee relations; workforce discipline; performance appraisal; incentive awards; retirement; and personnel security. The Director of the Office is the Chairman of the Incentive Awards Committee.

I. Boards and Committees. The following boards and committees are established by separate Commission orders ("C.O." to address matters relating to the overall operations of the Commission:

(1) The Executive Resources Board is comprised of three voting members, chosen from the ranks of those above the grade 15 level, with the majority being career members of the Senior Executive Service. The members serve staggered terms of three years, beginning October 1 of each year; the member serving in the last year of his/her term serves as Chairman. The board meets on an ad hoc basis to discuss, develop and submit recommendations to the Chairman on matters related to the merit staffing process for career appointments in the Senior Executive Service, including the executive qualifications of candidates for career appointment. The board also plans and manages the Commission’s executive development programs. Serving the board in a non-voting advisory capacity are the Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, the Training Officer, and the Director, Office of Personnel, who also serves as the board’s secretary. C.O. No. 95.
The Committee on Automated Data Processing is chaired by a Commissioner designated by the Chairman, and is comprised of the Directors of the Bureaus of Economics and Agreement Analysis; Tariffs, Certification and Licensing; Administration; and Enforcement; the General Counsel; the Secretary; the Inspector General; the Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity; the Chief Administrative Law Judge; a representative of the Chairman's office; the Deputy Managing Director in charge of the Commission's Automated Tariff Filing and Information System; and the Director, Office of Information Resources Management, who serves as Committee Coordinator for the Committee Chairperson. The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis to review, evaluate, and recommend to the Chairman, through the Managing Director, policies and actions on the acquisition, management, and use of ADP equipment and services. C.O. No. 98.

The Performance Review Board is chaired by a Commissioner designated by the Chairman, and is composed of a standing register of members which is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Once a year, the PRB Chairman appoints performance review panels from the membership to review individual performance appraisals and other relevant information pertaining to Senior Executives at the Commission, and to recommend final performance ratings to the Chairman. C.O. No. 115.

The Incentive Awards Committee is composed of two permanent voting members: The Director of Personnel, who serves as Chairman; and the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity; and two other voting members approved by the Chairman upon the recommendation of the Managing Director. The committee meets on an ad hoc basis to determine if incentive award nominations meet established criteria, and to review suggestions. C.O. No. 62.

Subpart B—Official Seal

§ 501.11 Official seal.

(a) Description. Pursuant to section 201(c) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1111(c)), the Commission prescribes its official seal, as adopted by the Commission on August 14, 1961, which shall be judicially noticed. The design of the official seal is described as follows:

(1) A shield argent paly of six gules, a chief azure charged with a fouled anchor or; shield and anchor outlined of the third; on a wreath argent and gules, an eagle displayed proper; all on a gold disc within a blue border, encircled by a gold rope outlined in blue, and bearing in white letters the inscription "Federal Maritime Commission" in upper portion and "1961" in lower portion.

(2) The shield and eagle above it are associated with the United States of America and denote the national scope of maritime affairs. The outer rope and fouled anchor are symbolic of seamen and waterborne transportation. The date "1961" has historical significance, indicating the year in which the Commission was created.

(b) Design.
Subpart C—Delegation and Redelegation of Authorities

§ 501.21 Delegation of authorities.

(a) Authority and delegation. Section 105 of Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, August 12, 1961, authorizes the Commission to delegate, by published order or rule, any of its functions to a division of the Commission, an individual Commissioner, an administrative law judge, or an employee or employee board, including functions with respect to hearing, determining, ordering, certifying, reporting or otherwise acting as to any work, business or matter. In subpart A of this part, the Commission has delegated general functions, and in this subpart C, it is delegating miscellaneous, specific authorities set forth in §§ 501.23, et seq., to the delegatees designated therein, subject to the limitations prescribed in subsequent subsections of this section.

(b) Deputies. Where bureau or office deputies are officially appointed, they are hereby delegated all necessary authority to act in the absence or incapacity of the director or chief.

(c) Redelegation. Subject to the limitations in this section, the delegatees may redelegate their authorities to subordinate personnel under their supervision and direction; but only if this subpart is amended to reflect such redelegation and notice thereof is published in the Federal Register. Under any redelegated authority, the redelegator assumes full responsibility for actions taken by subordinate redelegatees.

(d) Exercise of authority; policy and procedure. The delegatees and redelegatees shall exercise the authorities delegated or redelegated in a manner consistent with applicable laws and the established policies of the Commission, and shall consult with the General Counsel where appropriate.

(e) Exercise of delegated authority by delegator. Under any authority delegated or redelegated, the delegator (Commission), or the redelegator, respectively, shall retain full rights to exercise the authority in the first instance.

(f) Review of delegatee’s action. The delegator (Commission) or redelegator of authority shall retain a discretionary right to review an action taken under delegated authority by a subordinate delegatee, either upon the filing of a written petition of a party to, or an intervenor in, such action; or upon the delegator’s or redelegator’s own initiative.

(1) Petitions for review of actions taken under delegated authority shall be filed within ten (10) calendar days of the action taken:
§ 501.25 Delegation to and redelegation by the Managing Director.

Except where specifically redelegated in this section, the authorities listed in this section are delegated to the Managing Director, and to any other officer in the absence or preoccupation of the Managing Director, to act and to transact any business of the Commission in accordance with the section and the provisions of this chapter.

(a) Authority to approve applications for permission to practice before the Commission and to issue admission certificates to approved applicants.

(b) Authority to extend the time to file exceptions or replies to exceptions, and the time for Commission review, relative to initial decisions of administrative law judges and decisions of Special Dockets Officers.

(c) Authority to extend the time to file appeals or replies to appeals, and the time for Commission review, relative to dismissals of proceedings, in whole or in part, issued by administrative law judges.

(d) Authority to establish and extend or reduce the time:

(1) To file documents either in docketed proceedings or relative to petitions filed under part 502 of this chapter, which are pending before the Commission itself; and

(2) To issue initial and final decisions under §502.61 of this chapter.

(e) Authority to prescribe a time limit for the submission of written comments with reference to agreements filed pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

(f) Authority, in appropriate cases, to publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER notices of intent to prepare an environmental assessment and notices of finding of no significant impact.

(g) Authority to prescribe a time limit less than ten days from date published in the FEDERAL REGISTER for filing comments on notices of intent to prepare an environmental assessment and notice of finding of no significant impact and authority to prepare environmental assessments of No Significant Impact.

(h) [Reserved]
§ 501.26 Delegation to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis.

The authorities listed in this section are delegated to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis.

(a) through (d) [Reserved]

(e) Authority to determine that no action should be taken to prevent an agreement or modification to an agreement from becoming effective under section 6(c)(1), and to shorten the review period under section 6(e), of the Shipping Act of 1984, when the agreement or modification involves solely a restatement, clarification or change in an agreement which adds no new substantive authority beyond that already contained in an effective agreement. This category of agreement or modification includes, for example, the following: a restatement filed to conform an agreement to the format and organization requirements of part 572 of this chapter; a clarification to reflect a change in the name of a country or port or a change in the name of a party to the agreement; a correction of typographical or grammatical errors in the text of an agreement; a change in the title of persons or committees designated in an agreement; or a transfer of functions from one person or committee to another.

(f) Authority to grant or deny applications filed under §§ 572.406 of this chapter for waiver of the form, organization and content requirements of §§ 572.401, 572.402, 572.403, 572.404 and 572.405 of this chapter.

(g) Authority to grant or deny applications filed under §§ 572.505 of this chapter for waiver of the information form requirements of §§ 572.503 and 572.504 of this chapter.

(h) Authority to grant or deny applications filed under §§ 572.709 of this chapter for waiver of the reporting and record retention requirements of §§ 572.701, 572.702, 572.703, 572.704, 572.705, 572.706, 572.707 and 572.708 of this chapter.

(i) Authority to determine that no action should be taken to prevent an agreement or modification of an agreement from becoming effective under section 6(c)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984 for all unopposed agreements and modifications to agreements which will not result in a significant reduction in competition. Agreements which are deemed to have the potential to result in a significant reduction in competition and which, therefore, are not covered by this delegation include but are not limited to:

(1) New agreements authorizing the parties to collectively discuss or fix rates (including terminal rates).
(2) New agreements authorizing the parties to pool cargoes or revenues.
(3) New agreements authorizing the parties to establish a joint service or consortium.
(4) New sailing agreements.
(5) New equal access agreements.
(i) Authority to grant or deny shortened review pursuant to §572.605 of this chapter for agreements for which authority is delegated in paragraph (i) of this section.
(k) Subject to review by the General Counsel, authority to deny, but not approve, requests filed pursuant to §572.605 of this chapter for a shortened review period for agreements for which authority is not delegated under paragraph (i) of this section.
(l) Authority to issue notices of termination of agreements which are otherwise effective under the Shipping Act of 1984, after publication of notice of intent to terminate in the FEDERAL REGISTER, when such terminations are:
(1) Requested by the parties to the agreement;
(2) Deemed to have occurred when it is determined that the parties are no longer engaged in activity under the agreement and official inquiries and correspondence cannot be delivered to the parties; or
(3) Deemed to have occurred by notification of the withdrawal of the next to last party to an agreement without notification of the addition of another party prior to the effective date of the next to last party’s withdrawal.
(m) Authority to determine whether agreements for the use or operation of terminal property or facilities, or the furnishing of terminal services, are within the purview of section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.
(n) Authority to request controlled carriers to file justifications for existing or proposed rates, charges classifications, rules or regulations, and review responses to such requests for the purpose of recommending to the Commission that a rate, charge, classification, rule or regulation be found unlawful and, therefore, requires Commission action under section 9(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984.
(o) Authority to recommend to the Commission the initiation of formal proceedings or other actions with respect to suspected violations of the shipping statutes and rules and regulations of the Commission.
§501.27 Delegation to and redelegation by the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
Except where specifically redelegated in this section, the authorities listed in this section are delegated to the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
(a)(1) Authority to approve for good cause or disapprove special permission applications submitted by common carriers, or conferences of such carriers, subject to the provisions of section 8 of the Shipping Act, 1984, section 18 of the Shipping Act, 1916, or section 2 of the Intercoastal Shipping Act of 1933, for relief from statutory and/or Commission tariff requirements.
(2) The authority under this paragraph is redelegated to the Chief, Office of Tariffs, in the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
(b)(1) Authority to approve or disapprove special permission applications submitted by a controlled carrier subject to the provisions of section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984 for relief from statutory and/or Commission tariff requirements.
(2) The authority under this paragraph is redelegated to the Chief, Office of Tariffs, in the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
(c)(1) Authority contained in Supplemental Report No. 4 and Order in Docket No. 90-23, Notice of Inquiry on Ocean Freight Tariffs in Foreign and Domestic Offshore Commerce—Tariffs and Service Contracts, to grant special permission to deviate from the requirement that electronically-filed tariffs become effective no later than 90 days from the last day of the applicable filing window.
(2) The authority under this paragraph is redelegated to the Chief, Office of Tariffs, in the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.
(d) Authority contained in Part 514 of this chapter to temporarily exempt common carriers from the electronic
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tariff filing requirements of that part for a period not to exceed 90 days from the filing dates set forth in Supplemental Report No. 4 and Order, served in Docket No. 90–23 on May 28, 1993.

(e)(1) Authority to reject tariff filings of common carriers in the foreign and domestic offshore commerce of the U.S. or conferences of such carriers for failure to meet the requirements of pertinent statutes or the Commission’s regulations, for lack of completeness or clarity, or for noncompliance with special permission or other orders of the Commission.

(2) The authority under this paragraph is redelegated to the Chief, Office of Tariffs; Chief, Tariff Control Center and Senior Transportation Specialists in the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.

(f) Authority to issue notices of intent to cancel inactive tariffs of common carriers in the foreign and domestic offshore commerce and marine terminal operators, after a diligent effort has been made to locate the carrier/terminal operator without success, or if the carrier/terminal operator has advised the Commission that it no longer offers a carrier/terminal operator service but refuses to cancel such tariff if, within 30 days after publication, the carrier/terminal operator does not furnish reasons why such tariff should not be canceled.

(g)(1) Authority to:

(i) Approve or disapprove applications for ocean freight forwarder licenses; issue or reissue or transfer such licenses; and approve extensions of time in which to furnish the name(s) and ocean freight forwarding experience of the managing partner(s) or officer(s) who will replace the qualified partner or officer upon whose qualifications the original licensing was approved;

(ii) Issue a letter stating that the Commission intends to deny an application, unless within 20 days, applicant requests a hearing to show that denial of the application is unwarranted; deny applications where an applicant has received such a letter and has not requested a hearing within the notice period; and rescind, or grant extensions of, the time specified in such letters;

(iii) Revoke the license of an ocean freight forwarder upon the request of the licensee;

(iv) Upon receipt of notice of cancellation of any bond, notify the licensee in writing that its license will automatically be suspended or revoked, effective on the bond cancellation date, unless a new or reinstated bond is submitted and approved prior to such date, and subsequently order such suspension or revocation for failure to maintain a bond;

(v) Approve changes in an existing licensee’s organization; and

(vi) Return any application which on its face fails to meet the requirements of the Commission’s regulations, accompanied by an explanation of the reasons for rejection.

(2) The authorities contained in paragraphs (g)(1)(iii) and (g)(1)(iv) of this section are redelegated to the Chief, Office of Freight Forwarders, in the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing.

(h) Authority to:

(1) Approve applications for Certificates (Performance) and Certificates (Casualty) evidenced by a surety, insurance or guaranty issued by an approved entity, and issue, reissue, or amend such Certificates;

(2) Issue a written notice to an applicant stating intent to deny an application for a Certificate (Performance) and/or (Casualty), indicating the reason therefor, and advising applicant of the time for requesting a hearing as provided for under §540.26(c) of this chapter; deny any application where the applicant has not submitted a timely request for a hearing; and rescind such notices and grant extensions of the time within which a request for hearing may be filed;

(3) Issue a written notice to a certificant stating that the Commission intends to revoke, suspend, or modify a Certificate (Performance) and/or (Casualty), indicating the reason therefor, and advising applicant of the time for requesting a hearing as provided for under §540.26(c) of this chapter; revoke, suspend or modify a Certificate (Performance) and/or (Casualty) where the certificant has not submitted a timely request for hearing; and rescind such notices and grant extensions of time for hearing.
within which a request for hearing may be filed:
(4) Revoke a Certificate (Performance) and/or (Casualty) which has expired, and/or upon request of, or acquiescence by, the certificant; and
(5) Notify a certificant when a Certificate (Performance) and/or (Casualty) has become null and void in accordance with §§540.8(a) and 540.26(a) of this chapter.

(i) Authority contained in §514.7(j) of this chapter to notify filing parties of the Commission’s intent to reject a service contract and/or statement of essential terms and subsequently reject and return such contracts.

(j) Authority contained in part 514 of this chapter to approve, but not deny, requests for permission to correct clerical or administrative errors in the essential terms of filed service contracts.

(k) Authority contained in parts 514 and 583 of this chapter to cancel the tariffs of NVOCCs who fail to file a surety bond, guaranty or insurance policy or, if required, designate an agent for receipt of process, or whose surety bond or agent designation is canceled.

(l) Authority contained in Parts 514 and 582 of this chapter to cancel the tariff or tariffs of any common carrier, and suspend the license of any ocean freight forwarder, who fails to file an anti-rebate certification.

(m) Authority to approve or disapprove applications as specified in Part 552 of this chapter for extensions of time for filing (§552.2(c)), alternative data (§552.2(d)) and waiver of detailed filing requirements (§552.2(e)).

(n) Authority contained in §514.8(d)(4)(ii) of this chapter to approve minor changes and additions to transaction set data for the ATFI system. Such minor changes include additions to any of the following term and reference lists: Cities; States and Provinces; Countries; Ports; Container sizes; Container types; Container temperatures; Hazard codes; Inland modes, Packaging types; Rate bases; Service types; Stuffing mode; Stripping mode; and Currencies.

(o) [Reserved]

(p) Authority to review and determine the validity of alleged or suspected violations, exclusive of formal complaints, of the shipping statutes and rules and regulations of the Commission by freight forwarders; authority to determine corrective action necessary with respect to violations except where violations involve major questions of policy or major interpretations of statutes, or orders, rules, and regulations of the Commission, or acts having material effect upon the commerce of the U.S.; and authority to recommend to the Commission the initiation of formal proceedings or other actions with respect to such alleged or suspected violations.

§501.28 Delegation to the Director, Bureau of Enforcement.

The authorities listed in this section are delegated to the Director, Bureau of Enforcement. Notwithstanding the provisions of §501.21, the Director may delegate or redelegate, in writing, specific authority to individuals within the Bureau of Enforcement other than the Deputy Director.

(a) Authority to compromise civil penalty claims has been delegated to the Director, Bureau of Enforcement, by §502.604(g) of this chapter. This delegation shall include the authority to compromise issues relating to the retention, suspension or revocation of ocean freight forwarder licenses. See also §§501.5(i) and 501.21.

(b) Authority to approve administrative leave for Area Representatives.

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§501.30 Delegation to and redelegation by the Director, Bureau of Administration.

Except where specifically redelegated in this section, the authorities listed in this section are delegated to the Director, Bureau of Administration, and, in the absence or preoccupation of the Director, to the Deputy Director of that Bureau.

(a)(1) Authority is delegated to the Director, Bureau of Administration, to approve, certify, or otherwise authorize those actions dealing with appropriations of funds made available to the
§ 501.41 Public requests for information and decisions.

(a) General. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1)(A), there is hereby stated and published for the guidance of the public the established places at which, the officers from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may secure information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions, principally by contacting by telephone, in writing, or in person, either the Secretary of the Commission at the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573, or the Area Representatives listed in paragraph (d) of this section. See also part 503 of this chapter.

(b) The Secretary will provide information and decisions, and will accept and respond to requests, relating to the program activities of the Office of the Secretary and of the Commission, generally. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, any document, report, or other submission required to be filed with the Commission by statute or the Commission’s rules and regulations relating to the functions of the Commission or of the Office of the Secretary shall be filed with or submitted to the Secretary.

(c) The Directors of the following bureaus and offices will provide information and decisions, and will accept and respond to requests, relating to the specific functions or program activities of their respective bureaus and offices as set forth in this chapter; but only if the dissemination of such information or decisions is not prohibited by statute or the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure:

(1) Office of the General Counsel;
(2) Office of the Administrative Law Judges;
(3) Office of the Managing Director;
(4) Office of the Inspector General;
(5) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity;
(6) Bureau of Enforcement;
(7) Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis;
(8) Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing;
(9) [Reserved];
(10) Bureau of Administration;
(11) Office of Personnel;
(12) Office of Budget and Financial Management;
(13) Office of Information Resources Management;
(14) Office of Administrative Services; and
(15) Office of Informal Inquiries, Complaints and Informal Dockets.

(d) The Area Representatives will provide information and decisions to the public within their geographic areas, or will expedite the obtaining of information and decisions from headquarters. The addresses of these Area Representatives are as follows. Further information on Area Representatives, including Internet E-mail addresses, can be obtained on the Commission’s home page on the World Wide Web at “www.fmc.gov.”

Los Angeles
Los Angeles Area Representative, U.S. Customs House Building, P.O. Box 3164, 300 S. Ferry Street, Room 1018, Terminal Island Station, San Pedro, CA 90731

Miami
Miami Area Representative, Customs Management Center, 909 SE, 1st Ave., Room 736, Miami, FL 33131

Federal Maritime Commission § 501.41

New Orleans
New Orleans Area Representative, U.S. Customs House, 423 Canal Street, Room 303, New Orleans, LA 70130

Seattle
Seattle Area Representative, U.S. Customs, 3236 16th Ave., SW, Seattle, WA 98134

North Atlantic
North Atlantic Area Representative, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 928, Washington, DC 20573

(e) Any document, report or other submission required to be filed with the Commission by statute or the Commission’s rules and regulations relating to the specific functions of the bureaus and offices shall be filed with or submitted to the Director of such Bureau or Office.

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Subpart A—General Information

§ 502.1 Scope of rules in this part.

The rules in this part govern procedure before the Federal Maritime Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission,” under the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, Administrative Procedure Act, and related acts, except that subpart R of this part does not apply to proceedings subject to sections 7 and 8
§ 502.2 of the Administrative Procedure Act, which are to be governed only by sub-
parts A to Q inclusive, of this part. They shall be construed to secure the
just, speedy, and inexpensive deter-
mination of every proceeding. To this
end, all persons involved in proceedings
conducted under the rules of this part
shall be required to consider at an
eyarly stage of the proceeding whether
resort to alternative dispute resolution
techniques would be appropriate or
useful. [Rule 1.]
[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58
FR 38649, July 19, 1993; 64 FR 7807, Feb. 17,
1999]
§ 502.2 Filing of documents; hours;
mailing address.
(a) For purposes of filing of docu-
ments with the Commission, the hours
of the Commission are from 8:30 a.m. to
5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive.
(b) Except for exhibits filed pursuant
to § 502.118(b)(4) and petitions for re-
view of final agency orders served on
the Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
2112(a), all documents required to be
filed in, and correspondence relating to
proceedings governed by this part
should be addressed to Secretary, Fed-
eral Maritime Commission, Washington,
DC 20573-0001. Petitions for review of
final agency orders served on the Com-
misssion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2112(a)
shall be addressed to General Counsel,
Office of the General Counsel, Federal
Maritime Commission, Washington, DC
20573-0001.
(c) Documents relating to any matter
pending before the Commissioners for
decision or to any matter pending be-
fore the Commission which is likely to
come before the Commissioners for de-
cision, whether or not relating to pro-
ceedings governed by this part, shall
similarly be filed with the Secretary,
Federal Maritime Commission. Such
documents should not be filed with or
separately submitted to the offices of
individual Commissioners. Distribution
to Commissioners and other agency
personnel is handled by the Office of
the Secretary, to ensure that persons
in decision-making and advisory posi-
tions receive in a uniform and imper-
sonal manner identical copies of sub-
misions, and to avoid the possibility
of ex parte communications within the
meaning of §502.11. These consider-
ations apply to informal and oral com-
munications as well, such as requests
for expedited consideration.
(d) No filings relating to matters
scheduled for a Commission meeting
will be accepted by the Secretary if
submitted subsequent to public an-
nouncement of the particular meeting,
except that the Commission, on its own
initiative, or pursuant to a written re-
quest, may in its discretion, permit a
departure from this limitation for ex-
ceptional circumstances. (See §503.62(e)
of this chapter.)
(e) Any pleading, document, writing
or other paper submitted for filing
which is rejected because it does not
conform to the rules in this part shall
be returned to the sender. [Rule 2.]
[52 FR 27002, July 17, 1987, as amended at 53
FR 32270, Apr. 22, 1988; 64 FR 7807, Feb. 17,
1999]
§ 502.3 Compliance with rules or or-
ers of Commission.
Persons named in a rule or order
shall notify the Commission during
business hours on or before the day on
which such rule or order becomes effec-
tive whether they have complied ther-
ewith, and if so, the manner in which
compliance has been made. If a change
in rates is required, the notification
shall specify the tariffs which effect
the changes. [Rule 3.]
§ 502.4 Authentication of rules or or-
ers of Commission.
All rules or orders issued by the Com-
misssion in any proceeding covered by
this part shall, unless otherwise spe-
cifically provided, be signed and au-
thenticated by seal by the Secretary of
the Commission in the name of the
Commission. [Rule 4.]
§§ 502.5—502.6 [Reserved]
§ 502.7 Documents in foreign lan-
guages.
Every document, exhibit, or other
paper written in a language other than
English and filed with the Commission
or offered in evidence in any pro-
cceeding before the Commission under
this part or in response to any rule or
order of the Commission pursuant to
this part, shall be filed or offered in the
language in which it is written and shall be accompanied by an English translation thereof duly verified under oath to be an accurate translation. [Rule 7.]

§ 502.8 Denial of applications and notice thereof.

Except in affirming a prior denial or where the denial is self-explanatory, prompt written notice will be given of the denial in whole or in part of any written application, petition, or other request made in connection with any proceeding under this part, such notice to be accompanied by a simple statement of procedural or other grounds for the denial, and of any other or further administrative remedies or recourse applicant may have where the denial is based on procedural grounds. [Rule 8.]

§ 502.9 Suspension, amendment, etc., of rules in this part.

The rules in this part may, from time to time, be suspended, amended, or revoked, in whole or in part. Notice of any such action will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. [Rule 9.]

§ 502.10 Waiver of rules in this part.

Except to the extent that such waiver would be inconsistent with any statute, any of the rules in this part, except §§ 502.11 and 502.153, may be waived by the Commission or the presiding officer in any particular case to prevent undue hardship, manifest injustice, or if the expeditious conduct of business so requires. [Rule 10.]

§ 502.11 Ex parte communications.

(a) No person who is a party to or an agent of a party to any proceeding as defined in §502.61 or who directly participates in any such proceeding and no interested person outside the Commission shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any interested persons outside the Commission or to any party to the proceeding or its agent or to any direct participant in a proceeding, an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of the proceeding. This prohibition shall not be construed to prevent any action authorized by paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of this section;

(b) “Ex parte communication” means an oral or written communication not on the public record with respect to which reasonable prior notice to all parties is not given, but it shall not include requests for status reports or communications regarding purely procedural matters or matters which the Commission or member thereof, administrative law judge, or Commission employee is authorized by law or these rules to dispose of on an ex parte basis;

(c) The Secretary shall place the materials described in paragraph (d) of this section in the correspondence part of the public docket of the proceeding and may take such other action as may be appropriate under the circumstances;

(d) The Secretary shall place the materials described in paragraph (d) of this section in the correspondence part of the public docket of the proceeding and may take such other action as may be appropriate under the circumstances;

(e) Upon receipt of an ex parte communication knowingly made or knowingly caused to be made by a party to a proceeding, the Commission or the presiding officer may, to the extent consistent with the interests of justice and the policy of the statutes administered by the Commission, require the party to show cause why his or her claim or interest in the proceeding

In proceedings under this part, for situations which are not covered by a specific Commission rule, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will be followed to the extent that they are consistent with sound administrative practice. [Rule 12.]

§ 502.22 Authority for representation.

Any individual acting in a representative capacity in any proceeding before the Commission may be required to show his or her authority to act in such capacity. [Rule 22.]

§ 502.23 Notice of appearance; substitution and withdrawal of representative.

(a) Upon filing of a complaint instituting proceedings or filing of an answer to an order or complaint, the party filing shall notify the Commission of the name(s) and address(es) of the person or persons who will represent them in the pending proceeding. Each person who appears at a hearing shall deliver a written notice of appearance to the reporter, stating for whom the appearance is made. Such notice shall indicate whether the representative wishes to be notified of decisions by telephone, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. All appearances shall be noted in the record. Petitions for leave to intervene shall indicate the name(s) and address(es) of the person or persons who will represent the intervenor in the pending proceeding if the petition is granted. [58 FR 27210, May 7, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 7807, Feb. 17, 1999]

(b) A Notice of Appearance should follow the form set forth in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart.

(c) If an attorney or other representative of record is superseded, there shall be filed a stipulation of substitution signed both by the attorney(s) or representative(s) and by the party, or a written notice from the party to the Commission.

(d) If an attorney wishes to withdraw from representing a party, such attorney shall file an appropriate motion seeking permission to withdraw and provide appropriate reasons for making
the motion. Such motion will be decided in consideration of the factors and standards set forth in Rule 1.16 of the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct and by the courts.

§ 502.29 Hearings.

The Commission, in its discretion, may call upon the applicant for a full statement of the nature and extent of the application to the specific requirements of this chapter. [Rule 26.]
§ 502.30 Suspension or disbarment.

The Commission may deny admission to, suspend, or disbar any person from practice before the Commission who it finds does not possess the requisite qualifications to represent others or is lacking in character, integrity, or proper professional conduct. Any person who has been admitted to practice before the Commission may be disbarred from such practice only after being afforded an opportunity to be heard. [Rule 30.]

§ 502.31 Statement of interest.

The Commission may call upon any practitioner for a full statement of the nature and extent of his or her interest in the subject matter presented by him or her before the Commission. [Rule 31.]

§ 502.32 Former employees.

Title V of the Ethics in Government Act proscribes certain activities by certain former Federal employees (18 U.S.C. 207). In summary, as applied to former Commission employees, the restrictions and basic procedures are as follows:

(a) Restrictions. (1) No former Commission employee may represent in any formal or informal appearance or make any oral or written communication with intent to influence a U.S. Government agency in a particular matter involving a specific party or parties in which the employee participated personally and substantially while with the Commission.

(2) No former Commission employee may, within two years of terminating Commission employment, act as a representative in the manner described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, as to a particular matter which was actually pending under the employee’s official responsibility within one year prior to termination of the employment.

(3) Former senior Commission employees (defined as Commissioners and members of the Senior Executive Service as designated by the Office of Government Ethics under 18 U.S.C. 207(d)(1)) may not, for two years after terminating Commission employment, assist in representing a person by personal presence at an appearance before the Government on a matter in which the former employee had participated personally and substantially while at the Commission.

(4) Former senior Commission employees, as defined in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, are barred for one year from representing parties before the Commission or communicating with intent to influence the Commission, regardless of prior involvement in the particular proceeding.

(b) Prior consent for appearance. (1) Prior to making any appearance, representation or communication described in paragraph (a) of this section, and, in addition to other requirements of this subpart, every former employee must apply for and obtain prior written consent of the Commission for each proceeding or matter in which such appearance, representation, or communication is contemplated. Such consent will be given only if the Commission determines that the appearance, representation or communication is not prohibited by the Act, this section or other provisions of this chapter.

(2) To facilitate the Commission’s determination that the intended activity is not prohibited, applications for written consent shall:

(i) Be directed to the Commission, state the former connection of the applicant with the Commission and date of termination of employment, and identify the matter in which the applicant desires to appear; and

(ii) Be accompanied by an affidavit to the effect that the matter for which consent is requested is not a matter in which the applicant participated personally and substantially while at the Commission and, as made applicable by paragraph (a) of this section, that the...
particular matter as to which consent is requested was not pending under the applicant’s official responsibility within one year prior to termination of employment and that the matter was not one in which the former employee had participated personally and substantially while at the Commission. The statements contained in the affidavit shall not be sufficient if disproved by an examination of the files and records of the case.

(3) The applicant shall be promptly advised as to his or her privilege to appear, represent or communicate in the particular matter, and the application, affidavit and consent, or refusal to consent, shall be filed by the Commission in its records relative thereto.

(c) Basic procedures for possible violations. The following basic guidelines for administrative enforcement restrictions on post employment activities are designed to expedite consultation with the Director of the Office of Government Ethics as required pursuant to section 207(j) of Title 18, United States Code.

(1) Delegation. The Chairman may delegate his or her authority under this subpart.

(2) Initiation of administrative disciplinary hearing. (i) On receipt of information regarding a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 207, and after determining that such information appears substantiated, the Chairman shall expeditiously provide such information, along with any comments or agency regulations, to the Director of the Office of Government Ethics and to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice. The Commission shall coordinate any investigation or administrative action with the Department of Justice to avoid prejudicing criminal proceedings, unless the Department of Justice communicates to the Commission that it does not intend to initiate criminal prosecution.

(ii) Whenever the Commission has determined after appropriate review that there is reasonable cause to believe that a former Commission employee has violated any provision of paragraph (a) of this section or 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c), it may initiate an administrative disciplinary proceeding by providing the former Commission employee with notice as defined in paragraph (c)(3) of this section.

(3) Adequate notice. (i) The Commission shall provide a former Commission employee with adequate notice of an intention to institute a proceeding and an opportunity for a hearing.

(ii) Notice to the former Commission employee must include:

A statement of allegations (and the basis thereof) sufficiently detailed to enable the former Commission employee to prepare an adequate defense;

B Notification of the right to a hearing; and

C An explanation of the method by which a hearing may be requested.

(4) Presiding official. (i) The presiding official at a proceeding under this section shall be an individual to whom the Chairman has delegated authority to make an initial decision (hereinafter referred to as “examiner”).

(ii) The examiner must be a Commissioner (other than the Chairman), an administrative law judge, or an attorney employed by the Commission and shall be provided with appropriate administrative and secretarial support by the Commission.

(iii) The presiding official shall be impartial. No individual who has participated in any manner in the decision to initiate a proceeding may serve as an examiner in that proceeding.

(5) Time, date and place. (i) The hearing shall be conducted at a reasonable time, date and place.

(ii) In setting a hearing date, the presiding official shall give due regard to the former Commission employee’s need for:

A Adequate time to prepare a defense properly, and

B An expeditious resolution of allegations that may be damaging to his or her reputation.

(6) Hearing rights. A hearing shall include, at a minimum, the following rights:

(i) To represent oneself or to be represented by counsel;

(ii) To introduce and examine witnesses and to submit physical evidence;

(iii) To confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses;

(iv) To receive a transcript or recording of the proceedings, on request.
(7) Burden of proof. In any hearing under this subpart, the Commission has the burden of proof and must establish substantial evidence of a violation.

(8) Initial decision. (i) The examiner shall make a determination on matters exclusively of record in a proceeding, and shall set forth in the decision all findings of fact and conclusions of law relevant to the matters at issue.

(ii) Within a reasonable period of the date of an initial decision, as set by the Commission, either party may appeal the decision solely on the record to the Chairman. The Chairman shall base his or her decision solely on the record of the proceedings or those portions thereof cited by the parties to limit the issues.

(iii) If the Chairman modifies or reverses the initial decision, he or she shall specify such findings of facts and conclusions of law as are different from those of the examiner.

(9) Administrative sanctions. The Chairman may take appropriate action in the case of any individual who was found in violation of 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c) or the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section after a final administrative decision or who failed to request a hearing after receiving adequate notice by:

(i) Prohibiting the individual from making, on behalf of any other person except the United States, any formal or informal appearance before, or, with the intent to influence, any oral or written communication to, the Commission on any matter of business for a period not to exceed five (5) years, which may be accomplished by directing Commission employees to refuse to participate in any such appearance or to accept any such communication; or

(ii) Taking other appropriate disciplinary action.

(10) Judicial review. Any person found to have participated in a violation of 18 U.S.C. 207 (a), (b), or (c) or the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section may seek judicial review of the administrative determination.

(11) Consultation and review. The procedures for administrative enforcement set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section have been reviewed by the Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

(d) Partners or associates. (1) In any case in which a former member, officer, or employee of the Commission is prohibited under this section from practicing, appearing, or representing anyone before the Commission in a particular Commission matter, any partner or legal or business associate of such former member, officer, or employee shall be prohibited from (i) utilizing the services of the disqualified former member, officer, or employee in connection with the matter, (ii) discussing the matter in any manner with the disqualified former member, officer, or employee, and (iii) sharing directly or indirectly with the disqualified former member, officer, or employee in any fees or revenues received for services rendered in connection with such matter.

(2) The Commission may require any practitioner or applicant to file an affidavit to the effect that the practitioner or applicant will not: (i) Utilize the service of, (ii) discuss the particular matter with, or (iii) share directly or indirectly any fees or revenues received for services provided in the particular matter, with a partner, fellow employee, or legal or business associate who is a former member, officer or employee of the Commission and who is either permanently or temporarily precluded from practicing, appearing or representing anyone before the Commission in connection with the particular matter; and that the applicant's employment is not prohibited by any law of the United States or by the regulations of the Commission. [Rule 32.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47934, Dec. 4, 1984]
Subpart C—Parties

§ 502.41 Parties; how designated.

The term “party”, whenever used in the rules in this part, shall include any natural person, corporation, association, firm, partnership, trustee, receiver, agency, public or private organization, or governmental agency. A party who seeks relief or other affirmative action under § 502.62 shall be designated as “complainant”. A party against whom relief or other affirmative action is sought in any proceeding commenced under § 502.62 or § 502.66, or a party named in an order of investigation issued by the Commission, shall be designated as “respondent,” except that in investigations instituted under section 11(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984, the parties to the agreement shall be designated as “proponents” and the parties protesting the agreement shall be designated as “protestants.” A person who has been permitted to intervene under § 502.72 shall be designated as “intervenor”. All persons or parties designated in this section shall become parties to the proceeding involved without further pleadings, and no person other than a party or its representative may introduce evidence or examine witnesses at hearings. [Rule 41.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 61 FR 66617, Dec. 18, 1996]

§ 502.42 Bureau of Enforcement.

The Director, Bureau of Enforcement, shall be a party to all proceedings governed by the rules in this part except that in complaint proceedings under § 502.62, the Director may become a party only upon leave to intervene granted pursuant to § 502.72, in rulemaking proceedings and in proceedings considering petitions the Director may become a party by designation if the Commission determines that the circumstances of the proceeding warrant such participation, and the Director will not ordinarily be a party to small claims proceedings under § 502.304 and special docket proceedings under § 502.271. The Director or the Director’s representative shall be served with copies of all papers, pleadings, and documents in every proceeding in which the Bureau of Enforcement is a party. The Bureau of Enforcement shall actively participate in any proceeding to which the Director is a party, to the extent required in the public interest, subject to the separation of functions required by section 5(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act. (See § 502.224). [Rule 42.]

[64 FR 7807, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.43 Substitution of parties.

In appropriate circumstances, the Commission or presiding officer may order an appropriate substitution of parties. [Rule 43.]

§ 502.44 Necessary and proper parties in certain complaint proceedings.

(a) If a complaint relates to through transportation by continuous carriage or transshipment, all carriers participating in such through transportation shall be joined as respondents.

(b) If the complaint relates to more than one carrier or other person subject to the shipping acts, all carriers or other persons against whom a rule or order is sought shall be made respondents.

(c) If complaint is made with respect to an agreement filed under section 15 of the Shipping Act, 1916 or section 5(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984, the parties to the agreement shall be made respondents. [Rule 44.]

Subpart D—Rulemaking

§ 502.51 Initiation of procedure to issue, amend, or repeal a rule.

(a) By petition. Any interested party may file with the Commission a petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule designed to implement,
§ 502.52 Notice of proposed rulemaking.

(a) General notice of proposed rulemaking, including the information specified in §502.143, shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, unless all persons subject thereto are named and, either are personally served, or otherwise have actual notice thereof in accordance with law.

(b) Except where notice of hearing is required by statute, this section shall not apply to interpretative rules, general statements of policy, organization rules, procedure, or practice of the Commission, or any situation in which the Commission for good cause finds (and incorporates such findings in such rule) that notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. [Rule 52.]

§ 502.53 Participation in rulemaking.

(a) Interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to participate in rulemaking through submission of written data, views, or arguments, with or without opportunity to present the same orally in any manner. No replies to the written submissions will be allowed unless, because of the nature of the proceeding, the Commission indicates that replies would be necessary or desirable for the formulation of a just and reasonable rule, except that, where the proposed rules are such as are required by statute to be made on the record after opportunity for a hearing, such hearing shall be conducted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557, and the procedure shall be the same as stated in subpart J of this part. In the event that replies or succeeding rounds of comments are permitted, copies shall be served on all prior participants in the proceeding. A list of participants may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission.

(b) In those proceedings in which respondents are named, interested persons who wish to participate shall file a petition to intervene in accordance with the provisions of §502.72 [Rule 53.] [49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 55 FR 26999, July 11, 1990]

§ 502.54 Contents of rules.

The Commission will incorporate in any rules adopted a concise general statement of their basis and purpose. [Rule 54.]

§ 502.55 Effective date of rules.

The publication or service of any substantive rule shall be made not less than thirty (30) days prior to its effective date except (a) as otherwise provided by the Commission for good cause found and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER or (b) in the case of rules granting or recognizing exemption or relieving restriction; interpretative rules; or statements of policy. [Rule 55.]

§ 502.56 Negotiated rulemaking.

The Commission, either upon petition of interested persons or upon its own motion, may establish a negotiated rulemaking committee to negotiate and develop consensus on a proposed rule, if, upon consideration of the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 563, use of such a committee is determined by the Commission to be in the public interest. [Rule 56.] [58 FR 38649, July 19, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999]
Subpart E—Proceedings; Pleadings; Motions; Replies

§ 502.61 Proceedings.

(a) Proceedings are commenced by the filing of a complaint, or by order of the Commission upon petition or upon its own motion, or by reference by the Commission to the formal docket of a petition for a declaratory order.

(b) In proceedings referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judges, the Commission shall specify a date on or before which hearing shall commence, which date shall be no more than six months from the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the Commission’s order instituting the proceedings or notice of complaint filed. Hearing dates may be deferred by the presiding judge only to prevent substantial delay, expense, detriment to the public interest or undue prejudice to a party.

(c) In the order instituting a proceeding or in the notice of filing of complaint and assignment, the Commission shall establish dates by which the initial decision and the final Commission decision will be issued. These dates may be extended by order of the Commission for good cause shown.

(d) All orders instituting a proceeding or noticing the filing of a complaint will contain language requiring that prior to the commencement of oral hearings consideration shall be given by the parties and presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution, and further requiring that hearings shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, deposition, or other documents, or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. [Rule 61]


§ 502.62 Complaints and fee.

(a) The complaint must be verified and shall contain the name and address of each complainant, the name and address of each complainant’s attorney or agent, the name and address of each person against whom complaint is made, a concise statement of the cause of action, and a request for the relief or other affirmative action sought.

(b) Where reparation is sought and the nature of the proceeding so requires, the complaint shall set forth: the ports of origin and destination of the shipments; consignees, or real parties in interest, where shipments are on “order” bill of lading; consignors; date of receipt by carrier or tender of delivery to carrier; names of vessels; bill of lading number (and other identifying reference); description of commodities; weights; measurement; rates; charges made or collected; when, where, by whom and to whom rates and charges were paid; by whom the rates and charges were borne; the amount of damage; and the relief sought. Except under unusual circumstances and for good cause shown, reparation will not be awarded upon a complaint in which it is not specifically asked for, nor upon a new complaint by or for the same complainant which is based upon a finding in the original proceeding. Wherever a rate, fare, charge, rule, regulation, classification, or practice is involved, appropriate reference to the tariff should be made, if possible.

(c) If the complaint fails to indicate the sections of the acts alleged to have been violated or clearly to state facts which support the allegations, the Commission may, on its own initiative, require the complaint to be amended to supply such further particulars as it deems necessary.

(d) The complaint should designate the place at which hearing is desired.

(e) A form of complaint is set forth in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart.

(f) The complaint shall be accompanied by remittance of a $184 filing fee.

(g) Complainants desiring to use the discovery provisions of subpart L must commence discovery at the time the complaint is filed, pursuant to §502.201(b).

(h) For special types of cases, see §502.271 in subpart Q (Refund or waiver
§ 502.63 Statute of limitations for repatriations.

(a) Complaints seeking reparation pursuant to section 11 of the Shipping Act of 1984 shall be filed within three years after the cause of action accrues.

(b) The Commission will consider as in substantial compliance with a statute of limitations a complaint in which complainant alleges that the matters complained of, if continued in the future, will constitute violations of the shipping acts in the particulars and to the extent indicated and in which complainant prays for reparation accordingly for injuries which may be sustained as a result of such violations. (See §§ 502.251–502.253 and Exhibit No. 1 to subpart O.)

(c) Notification to the Commission that a complaint may or will be filed for the recovery of reparation will not constitute a filing within the applicable statutory period.

(d) A complaint is deemed filed on the date it is received by the Commission. [Rule 63.]

§ 502.64 Answer to complaint; counter-complaint.

(a) Respondent shall file with the Commission an answer to the complaint and shall serve it on complainant as provided in subpart H of this part within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the complaint by the Commission or within thirty (30) days if such respondent resides in Alaska or beyond the Continental United States, unless such periods have been extended under §502.71 or §502.102, or reduced under §502.103, or unless motion is filed to withdraw or dismiss the complaint, in which latter case, answer shall be made within ten (10) days after service of an order denying such motion. Such answer shall give notice of issues controverted in fact or law. Recitals of material and relevant facts in a complaint, amended complaint, or bill of particulars, unless specifically denied in the answer thereto, shall be deemed admitted as true, but if request is seasonably made, a competent witness shall be made available for cross-examination on such evidence. An answer to the complaint must be verified.

(b) In the event that respondent should fail to file and serve the answer within the time provided, the presiding officer may enter such rule or order as may be just, or may in any case require such proof as he or she may deem proper, except that the presiding officer may permit the filing of a delayed answer after the time for filing the answer has expired, for good cause shown.

(c) A form of answer to complaint is set forth in Exhibit No. 2 to this subpart. [Rule 64.]

(d) In addition to filing an answer to a complaint, respondent may file a counter-complaint alleging violations of the Shipping Acts within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The filing of counter-complaints and answers to counter-complaints is governed by the rules and requirements of §502.62 (excluding fees) and of this section for the filing of complaints and answers. Counter-complaints may be served directly by the parties if authorized by the presiding officer. [Rule 64.]

§ 502.65 Replies to answers not permitted.

Replies to answers will not be permitted. New matters set forth in respondent’s answer will be deemed to be controverted. [Rule 65.]

§ 502.66 Order to show cause.

The Commission may institute a proceeding by order to show cause. The order shall be served upon all persons named therein, shall include the information specified in §502.143, may require the person named therein to answer, and shall require such person to appear at a specified time and place and present evidence upon the matters specified. [Rule 66.]
§ 502.67 Exemption procedures—General.

(a) Authority. The Commission, upon application or on its own motion, may by order or rule exempt for the future any class of agreements between persons subject to the Shipping Act of 1984 or any specified activity of persons subject to the Shipping Act of 1984 from any requirement of the Shipping Act of 1984 if it finds that the exemption will not result in substantial reduction in competition or be detrimental to commerce. The Commission may attach conditions to any exemption and may, by order, revoke any exemption.

(b) Application for exemption. Any person may petition the Commission for an exemption or revocation of an exemption of any class of agreements or an individual agreement or any specified activity pursuant to section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984. A petition for exemption shall state the particular requirement of the Shipping Act of 1984 for which exemption is sought. The petition shall also include a statement of the reasons why an exemption should be granted or revoked, shall provide information relevant to any finding required by the Shipping Act of 1984 and shall comply with § 502.69. Where a petition for exemption of an individual agreement is made, the application shall include a copy of the agreement.

(c) Participation by interested persons. No order or rule of exemption or revocation may be issued unless opportunity for hearing has been afforded interested persons and departments and agencies of the United States.

(d) Federal Register notice. Notice of any proposed exemption or revocation of exemption, whether upon petition or upon the Commission’s own motion, shall be published in the Federal Register. The notice shall include when applicable:

(1) A short title for the proposed exemption or the title of the existing exemption;

(2) The identity of the party proposing the exemption or seeking revocation;

(3) A concise summary of the agreement or class of agreements or specified activity for which exemption is sought, or the exemption which is to be revoked;

(4) A statement that the petition and any accompanying information are available for inspection in the Commission’s offices in Washington, DC; and

(5) The final date for filing comments regarding the proposal. [Rule 67.]

[64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.68 Declaratory orders and fee.

(a)(1) The Commission may, in its discretion, issue a declaratory order to terminate a controversy or to remove uncertainty.

(2) Petitions for the issuance thereof shall: state clearly and concisely the controversy or uncertainty; name the persons and cite the statutory authority involved; include a complete statement of the facts and grounds prompting the petition, together with full disclosure of petitioner’s interest; be served upon all parties named therein; and conform to the requirements of subpart H of this part.

(3) Petitions shall be accompanied by remittance of a $177 filing fee.

(b) Petitions under this section shall be limited to matters involving conduct or activity regulated by the Commission under statutes administered by the Commission. The procedures of this section shall be invoked solely for the purpose of obtaining declaratory rulings which will allow persons to act without peril upon their own view. Controversies involving an allegation of violation by another person of statutes administered by the Commission, for which coercive rulings such as payment of reparation or cease and desist orders are sought, are not proper subjects of petitions under this section. Such matters must be adjudicated either by filing of a complaint under section 22 of the Shipping Act, 1916 or section 11 of the Shipping Act of 1984 and § 502.62, or by filing of a petition for investigation under § 502.69.

(c) Petitions under this section shall be accompanied by the complete factual and legal presentation of petitioner as to the desired resolution of the controversy or uncertainty, or a detailed explanation why such can only be developed through discovery or evidentiary hearing.
§ 502.69 Petitions—General and fee.

(a) Except when submitted in connection with a formal proceeding, all claims for relief or other affirmative action by the Commission, including appeals from Commission staff action, except as otherwise provided in this part, shall be by written petition, which shall state clearly and concisely the petitioner’s grounds of interest in the subject matter, the facts relied upon and the relief sought, shall cite by appropriate reference the statutory provisions or other authority relied upon for relief, shall be served upon all parties named therein, and shall conform otherwise to the requirements of subpart H of this part. Replies thereto shall conform to the requirements of § 502.74.

(b) Petitions shall be accompanied by remittance of a $177 filing fee. [Rule 69.] [49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 4143, Feb. 10, 1987; 59 FR 59170, Nov. 16, 1994; 63 FR 50535, Sept. 22, 1998]

§ 502.70 Amendments or supplements to pleadings.

(a) Amendments or supplements to any pleadings will be permitted or rejected, either in the discretion of the Commission if the case has not been assigned to a presiding officer for hearing, or otherwise, in the discretion of the officer designated to conduct the hearing, except that after a case is assigned for hearing, no amendment shall be allowed which would broaden the issues, without opportunity to reply to such amended pleading and to prepare for the broadened issues. The presiding officer may direct a party to state its case more fully and in more detail by way of amendment.

(b) A response to an amended pleading must be filed and served in conformity with the requirements of subpart H of this part and § 502.74, unless the Commission or the presiding officer directs otherwise. Amendments or supplements allowed prior to hearing will be served in the same manner as the original pleading, except that the presiding officer may authorize the service of amended complaints directly by the parties rather than by the Secretary of the Commission.

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(c) Whenever by the rules in this part a pleading is required to be verified, the amendment or supplement shall also be verified. [Rule 70.]

49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 27210, May 7, 1993

§ 502.71 Motions for more definite statement.

If a pleading (including a complaint or counter-complaint filed pursuant to § 502.62 or § 502.64) to which a responsive pleading is permitted is so vague or ambiguous that a party cannot reasonably be required to frame a responsive pleading, the party may move for a more definite statement before interposing a responsive pleading. The motion shall be filed within 15 days of the pleading and shall point out the defects complained of and the details desired. If the motion is granted and the order of the presiding officer is not obeyed within 10 days after service of the order or within such time as the presiding officer may fix, the presiding officer may strike the pleading to which the motion was directed or make such order as is deemed just. If the motion is disallowed, the time for responding to the pleading shall be extended to a date 10 days after service of the notice of disallowance. [Rule 71.]

58 FR 27210, May 7, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999

§ 502.72 Petition for leave to intervene.

(a) A petition for leave to intervene may be filed in any proceeding and shall be served on existing parties by the petitioner pursuant to subpart H of this part. An additional fifteen (15) copies of the petition shall be filed with the Secretary for the use of the Commission. Upon request, the Commission will furnish a service list to any member of the public pursuant to part 503 of this chapter. The petition shall set forth the grounds for the proposed intervention and the interest and position of the petitioner in the proceeding and shall comply with the other applicable provisions of subpart H of this part, and if affirmative relief is sought, the basis for such relief. Such petition shall also indicate the nature and extent of the participation sought, e.g., the use of discovery, presentation of evidence and examination of witnesses.

(b)(1) Petitions for leave to intervene as a matter of right will only be granted upon a clear and convincing showing that:

(i) The petitioner has a substantial interest relating to the matter which is the subject of the proceeding warranting intervention; and

(ii) The proceeding may, as a practical matter, materially affect the petitioner’s interest; and

(iii) The interest is not adequately represented by existing parties to the proceeding.

(2) Petitions for intervention as a matter of Commission discretion may be granted only upon a showing that:

(i) A common issue of law or fact exists between the petitioner’s interests and the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(ii) The petitioner’s intervention will not unduly delay or broaden the scope of the proceeding, prejudice the adjudication of the rights of or be duplicative of positions of any existing party; and

(iii) The petitioner’s participation may reasonably be expected to assist in the development of a sound record.

(3) The timeliness of the petition will also be considered in determining whether a petition will be granted under paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section. If filed after hearings have been closed, a petition will not ordinarily be granted.

(c) In the interests of: (1) Restricting irrelevant, duplicative, or repetitive discovery, evidence or arguments; (2) having common interests represented by a spokesperson; and (3) retaining authority to determine priorities and control the course of the proceeding, the presiding officer, in his or her discretion, may impose reasonable limitations on an intervenor’s participation, e.g., the filing of briefs, presentation of evidence on selected factual issues, or oral argument on some or all of the issues.

(d) Absent good cause shown, any intervenor desiring to utilize the procedures provided by subpart L must commence doing so no later than fifteen (15) days after its petition for leave to intervene has been granted. If the petition is filed later than thirty (30) days.
§ 502.73 Motions.

(a) In any docketed proceeding, an application or request for an order or ruling not otherwise specifically provided for in this part shall be by motion. After the assignment of a presiding officer to a proceeding and before the issuance of his or her recommended or initial decision, all motions shall be addressed to and ruled upon by the presiding officer unless the subject matter of the motion is beyond his or her authority, in which event the matter shall be referred to the Commission. If the proceeding is not before the presiding officer, motions shall be designated as “petitions” and shall be addressed to and passed upon by the Commission.

(b) Motions shall be in writing, except that a motion made at a hearing shall be sufficient if stated orally upon the record, unless the presiding officer directs that it be reduced to writing.

(c) All written motions shall state clearly and concisely the purpose of and the relief sought by the motion, the statutory or principal authority relied upon, and the facts claimed to constitute the grounds requiring the relief requested; and shall conform with the requirements of subpart H of this part.

(d) Oral argument upon a written motion may be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer or the Commission, as the case may be.

(e) A repetitious motion will not be entertained. [Rule 73]

§ 502.74 Replies to pleadings, motions, applications, etc.

(a)(1) Except as provided under subpart V of this part, a reply to a reply is not permitted.

(2) Except as otherwise provided respecting answers (§ 502.64), shortened procedure (subpart K of this part), briefs (§ 502.221), exceptions (§ 502.227), replies to petitions for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (§ 502.503(b)(1)), and the documents specified in paragraph (b) of this section, any party may file and serve a reply to any written motion, pleading, petition, application, etc., permitted under this part within fifteen (15) days after the date of service thereof, unless a shorter period is fixed under § 502.103.

(b) When time permits, replies also may be filed to applications for enlargement of time and postponement of hearing (subpart G of this part), and motions to take depositions (§ 502.201).

(c) Replies shall be in writing, shall be verified if verification of original pleading is required, shall be so drawn as to fully and completely advise the parties and the Commission as to the nature of the defense, shall admit or deny specifically and in detail each material allegation of the pleading answered, shall state clearly and concisely the facts and matters of law relied upon, and shall conform to the requirements of subpart H of this part. [Rule 74]

§ 502.75 Proceedings involving assessment agreements.

(a) In complaint proceedings involving assessment agreements filed under section 5(e) of the Shipping Act of 1984, the Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment will specify a date before which the initial decision will be issued, which date will not be more
than eight months from the date the complaint was filed.

(b) Any party to a proceeding conducted under this section who desires to utilize the prehearing discovery procedures provided by subpart L of this part shall commence doing so at the time it files its initial pleading, i.e., complaint, answer or petition for leave to intervene. Discovery matters accompanying complaints shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for service pursuant to §502.113. Answers or objections to discovery requests shall be subject to the normal provisions set forth in subpart L.

(c) Exceptions to the decision of the presiding officer, filed pursuant to §502.227, shall be filed and served no later than fifteen (15) days after date of service of the initial decision. Replies thereto shall be filed and served no later than fifteen (15) days after date of service of exceptions. In the absence of exceptions, the decision of the presiding officer shall be final within thirty (30) days from the date of service, unless within that period, a determination to review is made in accordance with the procedures outlined in §502.227. [Rule 75.]

§ 502.76 Brief of an amicus curiae.

(a) A brief of an amicus curiae may be filed only by leave of the Commission or the presiding officer granted on motion with notice to the parties, or at the request of the Commission or the presiding officer, except that leave shall not be required when the brief is presented by the United States or any agency or officer of the United States. The brief may be conditionally filed with the motion for leave. A brief of an amicus curiae shall be limited to questions of law or policy.

(b) A motion for leave to file an amicus brief shall identify the interest of the applicant and shall state the reasons why such a brief is desirable.

(c) Except as otherwise permitted by the Commission or the presiding officer, an amicus curiae shall file its brief within the time allowed the party whose position as to affirmance or reversal the amicus brief will support. The Commission or the presiding officer shall grant leave for a later filing only for cause shown, in which event the period within which an opposing party may answer shall be specified.

(d) A motion of an amicus curiae to participate in oral argument will be granted only in accordance with the requirements of §502.241. [Rule 76.]

[52 FR 4143, Feb. 10, 1987]

EXHIBIT NO. 1 TO SUBPART E [§502.62]—

COMPLAINT FORM AND INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Before the Federal Maritime Commission

Complaint

——— v. ———— [Insert without abbreviation exact and complete name of party or parties respondent]

I. The complainant is [State in this paragraph whether complainant is an association, a corporation, firm, or partnership and the names of the individuals composing the same. State also the nature and principal place of business].

II. The respondent is [State in this paragraph whether respondent is an association, a corporation, firm, or partnership and the names of the individuals composing the same. State also the nature and principal place of business].

III. Allegation of jurisdiction. [State in this paragraph a synopsis of the statutory bases for claim(s)].

IV. That [State in this or subsequent paragraphs to be lettered “A”, “B”, etc., the matter or matters complained of. If rates are involved, name each rate, fare, charge, classification, regulation, or practice, the lawfulness of which is challenged].

V. That by reason of the facts stated in the foregoing paragraphs, complainant has been (and is being) subject to injury as a direct result of the violations by respondent of sections ——— [State in this paragraph the causal connection between the alleged illegal acts of respondent and the claimed injury to complainant, with all necessary statutory sections relied upon].

VI. That complainant has been injured in the following manner: To its damage in the sum of $——.

VII. Wherefore complainant prays that respondent be required to answer the charges herein; that after due hearing, an order be made commanding said respondent (and each of them): to cease and desist from the aforesaid violations of said act(s); to establish and put in force such practices as the Commission determines to be lawful and reasonable; to pay to said complainant by way of reparations for the unlawful conduct hereinabove described the sum of $——, with interest

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and attorney's fees or such other sum as the Commission may determine to be proper as an award of reparation; and that such other and further order or orders be made as the Commission determines to be proper in the premises.

Dated at ----, this ---- day of ----, 19--.

[Complainant's signature]

[Office and post office address]

[Signature or agent or attorney of complainant]

[Post office address]

VERIFICATION [SEE § 502.112]

State of ----, County of ----, ss: ----,

being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he (she) is

[The complainant, or, if a firm, association, or corporation, state the capacity of the affiant]

and is the person who signed the foregoing complaint; that he (she) has read the complaint and that the facts stated therein, upon information received from others, affiant believes to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the State of ----, County of ---- this ---- day ----, A.D. 19--.

[Seal]

(Notary Public)

My Commission expires ----.

Information To Assist in Filing Formal Complaint

General

Formal Docket Complaint procedures usually involve an evidentiary hearing on disputed facts. Where no evidentiary hearing on disputed facts is necessary and where all parties agree to the use of different procedures, a complaint may be processed under subpart K [Shortened Procedure] or subpart S [Informal Docket for a claim of $10,000 or less]. An application for refund or waiver of collection of freight charges due to tariff error should be filed pursuant to §502.92 and Exhibit No. 1 to subpart F. Consider also the feasibility of filing a Petition for Declaratory Order under §502.68.

Under the Shipping Act of 1984 [foreign commerce], the complaint must be filed within three (3) years from the time the cause of action accrues and may be brought against any person alleged to have violated the 1984 Act to the injury of complainant. Because of the limitation periods, a complaint is deemed to be filed only when it is physically received at the Commission. [See §502.114]

The format of exhibit No. 1 to subpart E must be followed and a verification must be included. (See §§502.21-502.32, 502.62 and 502.112) The complaint must also fully describe the alleged violations of the specific section(s) of the shipping statute(s) involved and how complainant is or was directly injured as a result. An original and fifteen copies, plus a further number of copies sufficient for service upon each named respondent must be filed and the Commission will serve the other parties. [See §§502.113 and 502.118]

In addition to subpart E, some other important rules are: §502.2 (mailing address; hours); §502.7 (documents in foreign language); §502.23 (Notice of Appearance); §502.41 (parties; how designated); §502.44 (necessary and proper parties to certain complaint proceedings); and subpart H (form, execution and service of documents).

Checklist of Specific Information

The following checklist sets forth items of information which are pertinent in cases submitted to the Commission pursuant to the regulatory provisions of the shipping statutes. The list is not intended to be inclusive, nor does it indicate all of the essential allegations which may be material in specific cases.

1. Identity of complainant; if an individual, complainant's residence; if a partnership, name of partners, business and principal place thereof; if a corporation, name, state of incorporation, and principal place of business. The same information with respect to respondents, intervenors, or others who become parties is necessary.

2. Description of commodity involved, with port of origin, destination port, weight, consignor and consignee of shipment(s), date shipped from loading port, and date received at discharge port.

3. Rate charged, with tariff authority for same, and any rule or regulation applicable thereto; the charges collected and from whom.

4. Route of shipment, including any transshipment; bill of lading reference.

5. Date of delivery or tender of delivery of each shipment.

6. Where the rate is challenged and comparisons are made with rates on other commodities, the form, packing, density, susceptibility to damage, tendency to contaminate other freight, value, volume of movement, competitive situation, and all matters relating to the cost of loading, unloading, and otherwise handling of respective commodities.
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7. If comparisons are made between the challenged rates and rates on other routes, the allegation showing similarity of service should include at least respective distances, volumes of movement, cost of handling, and competitive conditions.

8. History of rate with reasons for previous increases or decreases of same.

9. When the complaint alleges undue prejudice or preference, the complaint should indicate what manner of undue prejudice or preference is involved, and whether to a particular person, locality, or description of traffic; how the preference or discrimination resulted and the manner in which the respondents are responsible for the same; and how complainant is damaged by the prejudice or preference, in loss of sales or otherwise.

10. Care should be exercised to differentiate between the measure of damages required in cases where prejudice or preference is charged and where the illegality of rates is charged and other situations.

11. Where a filed agreement or conduct under the agreement is challenged, all necessary provisions of the shipping statute involved must be specifically cited, showing in detail how a section was violated and how the conduct or agreement injures complainant. The complaint should be thorough and clear as to all relief complainant is requesting.


EXHIBIT NO. 2 TO SUBPART E [§ 502.64]—
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Before the Federal Maritime Commission

Answer

[Petitioner's signature]

Dated at ________ day of ________, 19__-

[Office and post office address]

[Signature of officer or agent]

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

[Name of respondent]

By [Title of Officer]

[Signature of attorney or agent]

[Post office address]

[Date ________, 19__.]

VERIFICATION

[See form for verification of complaint in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart and §502.112.]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[See §502.114.]

EXHIBIT NO. 3 TO SUBPART E [§502.72]—
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Before the Federal Maritime Commission

Petition for Leave To Intervene

—— v. —— Docket No. ———.

Your petitioner, ———, respectfully represents that he (she) has an interest in the matters in controversy in the above-entitled proceeding and desires to intervene in and become a party to said proceeding, and for grounds of the proposed intervention says:

I. That petitioner is [State whether an association, corporation, firm, or partnership, etc., as in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart, and nature and principal place of business].

II. [Here set out specifically position and interest of petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding and other essential averments in accordance with Rule 72 (46 CFR 502.72).]

Wherefore said ——— requests leave to intervene and be treated as a party hereto with the right to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, produce and cross-examine witnesses, and be heard in person or by counsel upon brief and at the oral argument, if oral argument is granted.

[If affirmative relief is sought, insert appropriate request here.]

Dated at ——— day of ———, 19__. ———

Petitioner's signature

[Office and post office address]

[Signature of agent or attorney of petitioner]

[Post office address]

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[See Exhibits Nos. 1 and 2 to this subpart.]
Subpart F—Settlement; Prehearing Procedure

§ 502.91 Opportunity for informal settlement.

(a) Parties are encouraged to make use of all the procedures of this part which are designed to simplify or avoid formal litigation, and to assist the parties in reaching settlements whenever it appears that a particular procedure would be helpful.

(b) Where time, the nature of the proceeding, and the public interest permit, all interested parties shall have the opportunity for the submission and consideration of facts, argument, offers of settlement, or proposal of adjustment, without prejudice to the rights of the parties.

(c) No stipulation, offer, or proposal shall be admissible in evidence over the objection of any party in any hearing on the matter. [Rule 91.]

(d) Any party may request, or the presiding officer may suggest, that a mediator or settlement judge be appointed to assist the parties in reaching a settlement. If such a request or suggestion is made and is not opposed, the presiding judge will advise the Chief Administrative Law Judge who may appoint a mediator or settlement judge who is acceptable to all parties. The mediator or settlement judge shall convene and preside over conferences and settlement negotiations and shall report to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, within the time prescribed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge, on the results of settlement discussions with appropriate recommendations as to future proceedings. If settlement is reached, it shall be submitted to the presiding judge who shall issue an appropriate decision or ruling. [Rule 91.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 38640, July 19, 1993; 64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.92 [Reserved]

§ 502.94 Prehearing conference.

(a)(1) Prior to any hearing, the Commission or presiding officer may direct all interested parties, by written notice, to attend one or more prehearing conferences for the purpose of considering any settlement under § 502.91, for-mulating the issues in the proceeding and determining other matters to aid in its disposition. In addition to any offers of settlement or proposals of adjustment, there may be considered the following:

(i) Simplification of the issues;

(ii) The necessity or desirability of amendments to the pleadings;

(iii) The possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof;

(iv) Limitation on the number of witnesses;

(v) The procedure at the hearing;

(vi) The distribution to the parties prior to the hearing of written testimony and exhibits;

(vii) Consolidation of the examination of witnesses by counsel;

(viii) Such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

(2) The presiding officer may require, prior to the hearing, exchange of exhibits and any other material which may expedite the hearing. He or she shall assume the responsibility of accomplishing the purposes of the notice of prehearing conference so far as this may be possible without prejudice to the rights of any party.

(3) The presiding officer shall rule upon all matters presented for decision, orally upon the record when feasible, or by subsequent ruling in writing. If a party determines that a ruling made orally does not cover fully the issue presented, or is unclear, such party may petition for a further ruling thereon within ten (10) days after receipt of the transcript.

(b) In any proceeding under the rules in this part, the presiding officer may call the parties together for an informal conference prior to the taking of testimony, or may recess the hearing for such a conference, with a view to carrying out the purposes of this section. [Rule 94.]

(c) At any prehearing conference, consideration shall be given to whether the use of alternative means of dispute resolution would be appropriate or useful for the disposition of the proceeding. [Rule 94.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 38640, July 19, 1993; 64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999]
§ 502.95 Prehearing statements.

(a) Unless waiver is granted by the presiding officer, it shall be the duty of all parties to a proceeding to prepare a statement or statements at a time and in the manner to be established by the presiding officer provided that there has been reasonable opportunity for discovery. To the extent possible, joint statements should be prepared.

(b) A prehearing statement shall state the name of the party or parties on whose behalf it is presented and briefly set forth the following matters, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer:

(1) Issues involved in the proceeding.

(2) Facts stipulated pursuant to the procedures together with a statement that the party or parties have communicated or conferred in a good faith effort to reach stipulation to the fullest extent possible.

(3) Facts in dispute.

(4) Witnesses and exhibits by which disputed facts will be litigated.

(5) A brief statement of applicable law.

(6) The conclusion to be drawn.

(7) Suggested time and location of hearing and estimated time required for presentation of the party's or parties' case.

(8) Any appropriate comments, suggestions or information which might assist the parties in preparing for the hearing or otherwise aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

(c) The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, permit a party to introduce facts or argue points of law outside the scope of the facts and law outlined in the prehearing statement. Failure to file a prehearing statement, unless waiver has been granted by the presiding officer, may result in dismissal of a party from the proceeding, dismissal of a complaint, judgment against respondents, or imposition of such other sanctions as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

(d) Following the submission of prehearing statements, the presiding officer may, upon motion or otherwise, convene a prehearing conference for the purpose of further narrowing issues and limiting the scope of the hearing if, in his or her opinion, the prehearing statements indicate lack of dispute of material fact not previously acknowledged by the parties or lack of legitimate need for cross-examination and is authorized to issue appropriate orders consistent with the purposes stated in this section. [Rule 95.]

Subpart G—Time

§ 502.101 Computation.

In computing any period of time under the rules in this part, the time begins with the day following the act, event, or default, and includes the last day of the period, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or national legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or national legal holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven (7) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, or national legal holidays shall be excluded from the computation. [Rule 101.]

§ 502.102 Enlargement of time to file documents.

(a) Motions for enlargement of time for the filing of any pleading or other document, or in connection with the procedures of subpart L of this part, shall set forth the reasons for the motion and be submitted at least five (5) days before the scheduled date for filing. Except for good cause shown, failure to meet this time requirement may result in summary rejection of the request.

(b) Such motions will be granted only under exceptional circumstances duly demonstrated in the request, and shall conform to the requirements of Subpart H of this part, except as to service if they show that the parties have received actual notice of the motion; and in relation to briefs, exceptions, and replies to exceptions, such motions shall conform to the further provisions of §§502.222 and 502.227.

(c) Upon motion made after the expiration of the scheduled date, the filing may be permitted where reasonable grounds are found for the failure to file.
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(d) Replies to such motions for enlargement of time shall conform to the requirements of §502.74. [Rule 102.]

[64 FR 7808, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.103 Reduction of time to file documents.

Except as otherwise provided by law and for good cause, the Commission, with respect to matters pending before it, and the presiding officer, with respect to matters pending before him or her, may reduce any time limit prescribed in the rules in this part. [Rule 103.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 7809, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.104 Postponement of hearing.

Motions for postponement of any hearing date shall set forth the reasons for the motion, and shall conform to the requirements of subpart H of this part, except as to service if they show that parties have received such actual notice of motion. Such motions will be granted only if found necessary to prevent substantial delay, expense, detriment to the public interest or undue prejudice to a party. Such motions must be received, whether orally or in writing, at least five (5) days before the scheduled date for hearing. Except for good cause shown, failure to meet this requirement may result in summary rejection of the request. Replies to such motions shall conform to the requirements of §502.74. [Rule 104.]

[64 FR 7809, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.105 Waiver of rules governing enlargements of time and postponements of hearings.

The Commission, the presiding officer, or the Chief Administrative Law Judge may waive the requirements of §§502.102 and 502.104 as to replies and may rule ex parte on such requests. [Rule 105.]

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Subpart H—Form, Execution, and Service of Documents

§ 502.111 Form and appearance of documents filed with Commission.

(a) All papers to be filed under the rules in this part must be clear and legible, dated, show the docket description and title of the proceeding, and include the title, if any, and address of the signer. An original signed in ink must be provided. Text shall appear on only one side of the paper and must be double spaced except that quotations must be single spaced and indented. The paper must be strong and durable, not more than 8½ inches wide and 12 inches long, with a left hand margin of 1½ inches. Documents shall be printed in clear type, never smaller than 12 point.

(b) Filings by facsimile for purposes of meeting a deadline will not be accepted unless authorized by the presiding officer or the Secretary.

(c) Facsimile transmissions of signature pages on filings will be tentatively accepted for the purpose of meeting filing deadlines pending receipt of the original signature page within seven working days. [Rule 111.]

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§ 502.112 Verification of documents.

(a) If a party is represented by an attorney or other person qualified to practice before the Commission under the rules in this part, each pleading, document or other paper of such party filed with the Commission shall be signed by at least one person of record admitted to practice before the Commission in his or her individual name, whose address shall be stated. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, such pleading, document or paper need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. The signature of a person admitted or qualified to practice before the Commission constitutes a certificate by the signer that the signer has read the pleading, document or paper; that the signer is authorized to file it; that to the best of the signer’s knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry the filing is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law; and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation. For a willful violation of this section, a person admitted or qualified to practice before the Commission may be
subjected to appropriate disciplinary action.

(b) If a party is not represented by a person admitted or qualified to practice before the Commission, each pleading, document or other paper of such party filed with the Commission shall be signed and verified under oath by the party or by a duly authorized officer or agent of the party, whose address and title shall be stated. The form of verification shall be substantially as set forth in exhibit No. 1 to subpart E. [Rule 112.]

(c) Wherever, under any rules of this part, any matter is required or permitted to be supported, evidenced, established, or proved by the sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath, or affidavit, in writing of the person making the same (other than a deposition under §502.203 or §502.204), such matter may, with like force and effect, be supported, evidenced, established, or proved by the unsworn declaration, certificate, verification, or statement, in writing of such person, as true under penalty of perjury, in substantially the following form.

(1) If executed without the United States: “I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.” [Rule 112.]

(2) If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or commonwealths: “I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.” [Rule 112.]

§ 502.113 Service by the Commission.

(a) Complaints filed pursuant to §502.62, (including any accompanying discovery requests initiated pursuant to §502.203(b)), amendments to complaints (unless otherwise authorized by the presiding officer pursuant to §502.70(b)), and complainant’s memoranda filed in shortened procedure cases will be served by the Secretary of the Commission.

(b) The complainant may also effect proper service, in which case an affidavit setting forth the method, time and place of service must be filed with the Secretary within five days following service.

(c) In addition to and accompanying the original of every document filed with the Commission for service by the Commission, there shall be a sufficient number of copies for use of the Commission (see §502.118) and for service on each party to the proceeding.

(d) The presiding officer may dismiss a complaint that has not been served within thirty (30) days after the complaint was filed. [Rule 113.]

§ 502.114 Service by parties of pleadings and other documents.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided by the rules in this part, all pleadings, documents, and papers of every kind (except requests for subpoenas, documents served by the Commission under §502.113, and documents submitted at a hearing or prehearing conference) in proceedings before the Commission under the rules in this part shall, when tendered to the Commission or the presiding officer for filing, show that service has been made upon all parties to the proceeding and upon any other persons required by the rules in this part to be served. Such service shall be made by delivering one copy to each party; by hand delivering in person; by mail, properly addressed with postage prepaid; by courier; or by facsimile transmission if agreed by both parties prior to service.

(b) Service on all prior participants shall be shown when submitting comments or replies beyond the initial round, or when submitting post-decisional pleadings and replies such as petitions for reconsideration, or for stay under rule 261 or to reopen under rule 230 in all general notice proceedings, including those involving disposition of petitions for rulemaking (rule 51), petitions for declaratory order (rule 68), petitions general (rule 69), notices of proposed rulemaking (rule 52), proceedings under section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, 46 U.S.C. app. 876(1)(b) (part 550), and proceedings under section 13(b)(6) of the
§ 502.115 Service on attorney or other representative.

When a party has appeared by attorney or other representative, service upon each attorney or other representative of record will be deemed service upon the party, except that, if two or more attorneys of record are partners or associates of the same firm, only one of them need be served. [Rule 115.]

§ 502.116 Date of service.

The date of service of documents served by the Commission shall be the date shown in the service stamp thereon. The date of service of documents served by parties shall be the date when matter served is deposited in the United States mail, delivered to a courier, delivered in person, or transmitted by facsimile, as the case may be. In computing the time from such dates, the provisions of §502.101 shall apply. [Rule 116.]

§ 502.117 Certificate of service.

The original of every document filed with the Commission and required to be served upon all parties to a proceeding shall be accompanied by a certificate of service signed by the party making service, stating that such service has been made upon each party to the proceeding. Certificates of service may be in substantially the following form:

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon [all parties of record or name of person(s)] by [mailing, delivering to courier or delivering in person] a copy to each such person.

Dated at, —— this —— day of —— 19—.

(Signature)

(For)

[Rule 117.]

§ 502.118 Copies of documents for use of the Commission.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in the rules in this part, the original and fifteen (15) copies of every document filed and served in proceedings before the Commission shall be furnished for the Commission's use. If a certificate of service accompanied the original document, a copy of such certificate shall be attached to each such copy of the document.

(b) In matters pending before an administrative law judge the following copy requirements apply.

(1) An original and fifteen copies shall be filed with the Secretary of:

(i) Appeals and replies thereto filed pursuant to §502.153;

(ii) Memoranda submitted under shortened procedures of subpart K of this part;

(iii) Briefs submitted pursuant to §502.221;

(iv) All motions, replies and other filings for which a request is made of the administrative law judge for certification to the Commission or on which it otherwise appears it will be necessary for the Commission to rule either directly or upon review of the administrative law judge's disposition thereof, pursuant to §502.227;

(v) Answers to complaints filed pursuant to §502.64.

(2) An original and four copies shall be filed with the Secretary of prehearing statements required by §502.95, stipulations under §502.162, notices of appearance required by §502.23, and all other motions, petitions, or other written communications seeking a ruling from the presiding administrative law judge.

(3) (i) A single copy shall be filed with the Secretary of requests for discovery, answers, or objections exchanged among the parties under procedures of subpart L of this part. Such materials
§ 502.132 Motions to quash or modify.

(a) Except when issued at a hearing, or in connection with the taking of a deposition, within ten (10) days after service of a subpoena for attendance of a witness or a subpoena for production of evidence, but in any event at or before the time specified in the subpoena for compliance therewith, the person to whom the subpoena is directed may, by motion with notice to the party requesting the subpoena, petition the presiding officer to quash or modify the subpoena.

(b) If served at the hearing, the person to whom the subpoena is directed may, by oral application at the hearing, within a reasonable time fixed by the presiding officer, petition the presiding officer to revoke or modify the subpoena.

(c) Confidential treatment afforded by this section is subject to the proviso that any information designated as confidential may be used by the administrative law judge or the Commission if deemed necessary to a correct decision in the proceeding. [Rule 119.]

§ 502.131 Requests; issuance.

Subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of evidence shall be issued upon request of any party, without notice to any other party. Requests for subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses may be made orally or in writing; requests for subpoenas for the production of evidence shall be in writing. The party requesting the subpoena shall tender to the presiding officer an original and at least two copies of such subpoena. Where it appears to the presiding officer that the subpoena sought may be unreasonable, oppressive, excessive in scope, or unduly burdensome, he or she may in his or her discretion, as a condition precedent to the issuance of the subpoena, require the person seeking the subpoena to show the general relevance and reasonable scope of the testimony or other evidence sought. [Rule 131.]

Subpart I—Subpoenas

§ 502.119 Documents containing confidential materials.

Except as otherwise provided in the rules of this part, all filings which contain information previously designated as confidential pursuant to §§ 502.167, 502.202(1)(vii), or any other rules of this part or for which a request for protective order pursuant to § 502.201(1)(vii) is pending, are subject to the following requirements:

(a) Filings shall be accompanied by a transmittal letter which identifies the filing as “confidential” and describes the nature and extent of the authority for requesting confidential treatment. The confidential copies shall consist of the complete filing and shall include a cover page marked “Confidential—Restricted,” with the confidential materials clearly marked on each page.

(b) Whenever a confidential filing is submitted, there must also be submitted an original and one copy of a public version of the filing. Such public version shall exclude confidential materials, and shall indicate on the cover page and on each affected page “confidential materials excluded.”

(c) Confidential treatment afforded by this section is subject to the proviso that any information designated as confidential may be used by the administrative law judge or the Commission if deemed necessary to a correct decision in the proceeding. [Rule 119.]

§ 502.132 Motions to quash or modify.

(a) Except when issued at a hearing, or in connection with the taking of a deposition, within ten (10) days after service of a subpoena for attendance of a witness or a subpoena for production of evidence, but in any event at or before the time specified in the subpoena for compliance therewith, the person to whom the subpoena is directed may, by motion with notice to the party requesting the subpoena, petition the presiding officer to quash or modify the subpoena.

(b) If served at the hearing, the person to whom the subpoena is directed may, by oral application at the hearing, within a reasonable time fixed by the presiding officer, petition the presiding officer to revoke or modify the subpoena.

(c) Confidential treatment afforded by this section is subject to the proviso that any information designated as confidential may be used by the administrative law judge or the Commission if deemed necessary to a correct decision in the proceeding. [Rule 119.]
§ 502.133 Attendance and mileage fees.
Witnesses summoned by subpoena to a hearing or deposition are entitled to the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in courts of the United States. Fees and mileage shall be paid, upon request, by the party at whose instance the witness appears. [Rule 133.]

§ 502.134 Service of subpoenas.
If service of a subpoena is made by a United States marshal, or his or her deputy, or an employee of the Commission, such service shall be evidenced by his or her return thereon. If made by any other person, such person shall make affidavit thereto, describing the manner in which service is made, and return such affidavit on or with the original subpoena. In case of failure to make service, the reasons for the failure shall be stated on the original subpoena. In making service, the original subpoena shall be exhibited to the person served, shall be read to him or her if he or she is unable to read, and a copy thereof shall be left with him or her. The original subpoena, bearing or accompanied by required return, affidavit, or statement, shall be returned without delay to the Commission, or if so directed on the subpoena, to the presiding officer before whom the person named in the subpoena is required to appear. [Rule 134.]

§ 502.135 Subpoena of Commission staff personnel, documents or things.
(a) A subpoena for the attendance of Commission staff personnel or for the production of documentary materials in the possession of the Commission shall be served upon the Secretary. If the subpoena is returnable at hearing, a motion to quash may be filed within five (5) days of service and attendance shall not be required until the presiding officer rules on said motion. If the subpoena is served in connection with prehearing depositions, the procedure to be followed with respect to motions to quash and replies thereto will correspond to the procedures established with respect to motions and replies in § 502.132(c).

(b) The General Counsel shall designate an attorney to represent any Commission staff personnel subpoenaed under this section. The attorney so designated shall not thereafter participate in the Commission’s decision-making process concerning any issue in the proceeding.

(c) Rulings of the presiding officer issued under § 502.135(a) shall become final rulings of the Commission unless an appeal is filed within ten (10) days after date of issuance of such rulings or unless the Commission, on its own motion, reverses, modifies, or stays such rulings within twenty (20) days of their issuance. Replies to appeals may be filed within ten (10) days. No ruling of the presiding officer shall be effective until twenty (20) days from date of issuance unless the Commission otherwise directs. [Rule 135.]

§ 502.136 Enforcement.
In the event of failure to comply with any subpoena or order issued in connection therewith, the Commission may seek enforcement as provided in § 502.210(b). [Rule 136.]
§ 502.142 Hearings required by statute. In complaint and answer cases, investigations on the Commission's own motion, and in other rulemaking and adjudication proceedings in which a hearing is required by statute, formal hearings shall be conducted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 554.[Rule 142.]

§ 502.143 Notice of nature of hearing, jurisdiction and issues. Persons entitled to notice of hearings, except those notified by complaint served under §502.113, will be duly and timely informed of (a) the nature of the proceeding, (b) the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the proceeding is conducted, and (c) the terms, substance, and issues involved, or the matters of fact and law asserted, as the case may be. Such notice shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER unless all persons subject thereto are named and either are personally served or otherwise have actual notice thereof in accordance with law.[Rule 143.]

§ 502.144 Notice of time and place of hearing; postponement of hearing. (a) Notice of hearing will designate the time and place thereof, the person or persons who will preside, and the kind of decision to be issued. The date or place of a hearing for which notice has been issued may be changed when warranted. Reasonable notice will be given to the parties or their representatives of the time and place of the change thereof, due regard being had for the public interest and the convenience and necessity of the parties or their representatives. Notice may be served by mail, telegraph, Notice may be served by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail.

(b) Motions for postponement of any hearing date shall be filed in accordance with §502.104.[Rule 144.]

§ 502.145 Presiding officer. (a) Definition. Presiding officer includes, where applicable, a member of the Commission or an administrative law judge. (See §502.25.)

(b) Designation of administrative law judge. An administrative law judge will be designated by the Chief of the Commission's Office of Administrative Law Judges to preside at hearings required by statute, in rotation so far as practicable, unless the Commission or one or more members thereof shall preside, and will also preside at hearings not required by statute when designated to do so by the Commission.

(c) Unavailability. If the presiding officer assigned to a proceeding becomes unavailable to the Commission, the Commission, or Chief Judge (if such presiding officer was an administrative law judge), shall designate a qualified officer to take his or her place. Any motion predicated upon the substitution of a new presiding officer for one originally designated shall be made within ten (10) days after notice of such substitution.[Rule 145.]

§ 502.146 Commencement of functions of Office of Administrative Law Judges. In proceedings handled by the Office of Administrative Law Judges, its functions shall attach:

(a) Upon the service by the Commission of a complaint filed pursuant to §§502.62, or §502.182, or upon referral under subpart T of this part; or

(b) Upon reference by the Commission of a petition for a declaratory order pursuant to §502.68; or

(c) Upon forwarding for assignment by the Office of the Secretary of a special docket application pursuant to §502.271; or

(d) Upon the initiation of a proceeding and ordering of hearing before an administrative law judge.[Rule 146.]

§ 502.147 Functions and powers. (a) Of presiding officer. The officer designated to hear a case shall have authority to arrange and give notice of hearing; sign and issue subpoenas authorized by law; take or cause depositions to be taken; rule upon proposed
§ 502.148  Consolidation of proceedings.

The Commission or the Chief Judge (or designee) may order two or more proceedings which involve substantially the same issues consolidated and heard together. [Rule 148.]

§ 502.149  Disqualification of presiding or participating officer.

Any presiding or participating officer may at any time withdraw if he or she deems himself or herself disqualified, in which case there will be designated another presiding officer. If a party to a proceeding, or its representative, files a timely and sufficient affidavit of personal bias or disqualification of a presiding or participating officer, the Commission will determine the matter as a part of the record and decision in the case. [Rule 149.]

§ 502.150  Further evidence required by presiding officer during hearing.

At any time during the hearing, the presiding officer may call for further evidence upon any issue, and require such evidence where available to be presented by the party or parties concerned, either at the hearing or adjournment thereof. [Rule 150.]

§ 502.151  Exceptions to rulings of presiding officer unnecessary.

Formal exceptions to rulings of the presiding officer are unnecessary. It is sufficient that a party, at the time the ruling of the presiding officer is made or sought, makes known the action which it desires the presiding officer to take or its objection to an action taken, and its grounds therefor. [Rule 151.]
§ 502.152 Offer of proof.
An offer of proof made in connection with an objection taken to any ruling of the presiding officer rejecting or excluding proffered oral testimony shall consist of a statement of the substance of the evidence which counsel contends would be adduced by such testimony; and, if the excluded evidence consists of evidence in documentary or written form or of reference to documents or records, a copy of such evidence shall be marked for identification and shall constitute the offer of proof. [Rule 152.]

§ 502.153 Appeal from ruling of presiding officer other than orders of dismissal in whole or in part.
(a) Rulings of the presiding officer may not be appealed prior to or during the course of the hearing, or subsequent thereto, if the proceeding is still before him or her, except where the presiding officer shall find it necessary to allow an appeal to the Commission to prevent substantial delay, expense, or detriment to the public interest, or undue prejudice to a party.
(b) Any party seeking to appeal must file a motion for leave to appeal no later than fifteen (15) days after written service or oral notice of the ruling in question, unless the presiding officer, for good cause shown, enlarges or shortens the time. Any such motion shall contain not only the grounds for leave to appeal but the appeal itself.
(c) Replies to the motion for leave to appeal and the appeal may be filed within fifteen (15) days after date of service thereof, unless the presiding officer, for good cause shown, enlarges or shortens the time. If the motion is granted, the presiding officer shall certify the appeal to the Commission.
(d) Unless otherwise provided, the certification of the appeal shall not operate as a stay of the proceeding before the presiding officer.
(e) The provisions of § 502.10 shall not apply to this section. [Rule 153.]

§ 502.154 Rights of parties as to presentation of evidence.
Every party shall have the right to present its case or defense by oral or documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct such cross-examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts. The presiding officer shall, however, have the right and duty to limit the introduction of evidence and the examination and cross-examination of witnesses when in his or her judgment, such evidence or examination is cumulative or is productive of undue delay in the conduct of the hearing. [Rule 154.]

§ 502.155 Burden of proof.
In all cases, as prescribed by the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 556(d), the burden of proof shall be on the proponent of the rule or order. [Rule 155.]

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§ 502.156 Evidence admissible.
In any proceeding under the rules in this part, all evidence which is relevant, material, reliable and probative, and not unduly repetitious or cumulative, shall be admissible. All other evidence shall be excluded. Unless inconsistent with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act and these Rules, the Federal Rules of Evidence, Public Law 93±595, effective July 1, 1975, will also be applicable. [Rule 156.]

§ 502.157 Written evidence.
(a) The use of written statements in lieu of oral testimony shall be resorted to where the presiding officer in his or her discretion rules that such procedure is appropriate. The statements shall be numbered in paragraphs, and each party in its rebuttal shall be required to list the paragraphs to which it objects, giving an indication of its reasons for objecting. Statistical exhibits shall contain a short commentary explaining the conclusions which the offeror draws from the data. Any portion of such testimony which is argumentative shall be excluded. Where written statements are used, copies of the statement and any rebuttal statement shall be furnished to all parties, as shall copies of exhibits. The presiding officer shall fix respective dates for the exchange of such written rebuttal statements and exhibits in advance of the hearing to enable study by
the parties of such testimony. There- 
after, the parties shall endeavor to 
stipulate as many of the facts set forth 
in the written testimony as they may 
be able to agree upon. Oral examina-
tion of witnesses shall thereafter be 
confined to facts which remain in con-
troversy, and a reading of the written 
statements at the hearing will be dis-
pensed with unless the presiding officer 
otherwise directs.

(b) Where a formal hearing is held in 
a rulemaking proceeding, interested 
persons will be afforded an opportunity 
to participate through submission of 
relevant, material, reliable and pro-
bative written evidence properly 
verified, except that such evidence sub-
mitted by persons not present at the 
hearing will not be made a part of the 
record if objected to by any party on 
the ground that the person who sub-
mits the evidence is not present for 
cross-examination. [Rule 157.]

§ 502.158 Documents containing mat-
ter not material.

Where written matter offered in evi-
dence is embraced in a document con-
taining other matter which is not in-
tended to be offered in evidence, the off-
ering party shall present the original 
document to all parties at the hearing 
for their inspection, and shall offer a 
true copy of the matter which is to be 
introduced, unless the presiding officer 
determines that the matter is short 
-enough to be read into the record. Op-
posing parties shall be afforded an op-
portunity to introduce in evidence, in 
like manner, other portions of the 
original document which are material 
and relevant. [Rule 158.]

§ 502.159 [Reserved]

§ 502.160 Records in other pro-
cceedings.

When any portion of the record be-
fore the Commission in any proceeding 
other than the one being heard is of-
fered in evidence, a true copy of such 
portion may be incorporated by re-
ference. [Rule 160.]

§ 502.161 Commission’s files.

Where any matter contained in a tar-
iff, report, or other document on file 
with the Commission is offered in evi-
dence, such document need not be pro-
duced or marked for identification, but 
the matter so offered shall be specified 
in its particularity, giving tariff num-
ber and page number of tariff, report, 
or document in such manner as to be 
readily identified, and may be received 
in evidence by reference, subject to 
comparison with the original document 
on file. [Rule 161.]

§ 502.162 Stipulations.

The parties may, by stipulation, 
agree upon any facts involved in the 
proceeding and include them in the 
record with the consent of the pre-
siding officer. It is desirable that facts 
be thus agreed upon whenever prac-
ticable. Written stipulations shall be 
subscribed and shall be served upon all 
parties of record unless presented at 
the hearing or prehearing conference. 
A stipulation may be proposed even if 
not subscribed by all parties without 
prejudice to any nonsubscribing party’s 
right to cross-examine and offer rebut-
tal evidence. [Rule 162.]

§ 502.163 Receipt of documents after 
hearing.

Documents or other writings to be 
submitted for the record after the close 
of the hearing will not be received in 
evidence except upon permission of the 
presiding officer. Such documents or 
other writings when submitted shall be 
accompanied by a statement that cop-
ies have been served upon all parties, 
and shall be received, except for good 
cause shown, not later than ten (10) 
days after the close of the hearing and 
not less than (10) days prior to the date 
set for filing briefs. Exhibit numbers 
will not be assigned until such docu-
ments are actually received and incor-
porated in the record. [Rule 163.]

§ 502.164 Oral argument at hearings.

Oral argument at the close of testi-
mony may be ordered by the presiding 
officer in his or her discretion. [Rule 
164.]
§ 502.165 Official transcript.

(a) The Commission will designate the official reporter for all hearings. The official transcript of testimony taken, together with any exhibits and any briefs or memoranda of law filed therewith, shall be filed with the Commission. Transcripts of testimony will be available in any proceeding under the rules in this part, and will be supplied by the official reporter to the parties and to the public, except when required for good cause to be held confidential, at rates not to exceed the maximum rates fixed by contract between the Commission and the reporter.

(b)(1) Section 11 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act provides that, except where prohibited by contractual agreements entered into prior to the effective date of this Act, agencies and advisory committees shall make available to any person, at actual cost of duplication, copies of transcripts of agency proceedings or advisory committee meetings. As used in this section, "agency proceeding" means any proceeding as defined in 5 U.S.C. 551(12).

(2) The Office of Management and Budget has interpreted this provision as being applicable to proceedings before the Commission and its administrative law judges. (Guidelines, 38 FR 12851, May 16, 1973.)

(3) The Commission interprets section 11 and the OMB guidelines as follows:

(i) Future contracts between the Commission and the successfully bidding recording firm will provide that any party to a Commission proceeding or other interested person (hereinafter included within the meaning of "party") shall be able to obtain a copy of the transcript of the proceeding in which it is involved at the actual cost of duplication of the original transcript, which includes a reasonable amount for overhead and profit, except where it requests delivery of copies in a shorter period of time than is required for delivery by the Commission.

(ii) The Commission will bear the full expense of transcribing all of its administrative proceedings where it requests regular delivery service (as set forth in the Contract). In cases where the Commission requests daily delivery of transcript copies (as set forth in the Contract), any party may receive daily delivery service at the actual cost of duplication.

(iii)(A) Where the Commission does not request daily copy service, any party requesting such service must bear the incremental cost of transcription above the regular copy transcription cost borne by the Commission, in addition to the actual cost of duplication, except that where the party applies for and properly shows that the furnishing of daily copy is indispensable to the protection of a vital right or interest in achieving a fair hearing, the presiding officer in the proceeding in which the application is made shall order that daily copy service be provided the applying party at the actual cost of duplication, with the full cost of transcription being borne by the Commission.

(B) In the event a request for daily copy is denied by the presiding officer, the requesting party, in order to obtain daily copy, must pay the cost of transcription over and above that borne by the Commission, i.e., the incremental cost between that paid by the Commission when it requests regular copy and when it requests daily copy.

(C) The decision of the presiding officer in this situation is interpreted as falling within the scope of the functions and powers of the presiding officer, as defined in § 502.147(a). (Rule 165.)

§ 502.166 Corrections of transcript.

Motions made at the hearing to correct the record will be acted upon by the presiding officer. Motions made after the hearing to correct the record shall be filed with the presiding officer within twenty-five (25) days after the last day of hearing or any session thereof, unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer, and shall be served on all parties. Such motions may be in the form of a letter. If no objections are received within ten (10) days after date of service, the transcript will, upon approval of the presiding officer, be changed to reflect such corrections. If objections are received, the motion will be acted upon.
§ 502.167 Objection to public disclosure of information.

Upon objection to public disclosure of any information sought to be elicited during a hearing, the presiding officer may in his or her discretion order that the witness shall disclose such information only in the presence of those designated and sworn to secrecy by the presiding officer. The transcript of testimony shall be held confidential. Copies of said transcript need be served only upon the parties to whose representatives the information has been disclosed and upon such other parties as the presiding officer may designate. This rule is subject to the proviso that any information given pursuant thereto, may be used by the presiding officer or the Commission if deemed necessary to a correct decision in the proceeding. [Rule 167.]

§ 502.168 Copies of data or evidence.

Every person compelled to submit data or evidence shall be entitled to retain or, on payment of proper costs, procure a copy of transcript thereof. [Rule 168.]

§ 502.169 Record of decision.

The transcript of testimony and exhibits, together with all papers and requests filed in the proceeding, shall constitute the exclusive record for decision. [Rule 169.]

Subpart K—Shortened Procedure

§ 502.181 Selection of cases for shortened procedure; consent required.

By consent of the parties and with approval of the Commission or presiding officer, a complaint proceeding may be conducted under shortened procedure without oral hearing, except that a hearing may be ordered by the presiding officer at the request of any party or in his or her discretion. [Rule 181.]
§ 502.185 Service of memoranda upon and by interveners.
Service of all memoranda shall be made upon any interveners. Interveners shall file and serve memoranda in conformity with the provisions relating to the parties on whose behalf they intervene. [Rule 185.]

§ 502.186 Contents of memoranda.
The memorandum should contain concise arguments and fact, the same as would be offered if a formal hearing were held and briefs filed. If reparation is sought, paid freight bills should accompany complainant's original memorandum. [Rule 186.]

§ 502.187 Procedure after filing of memoranda.
An initial, recommended, or tentative decision will be served upon the parties in the same manner as is provided under §502.225. Thereafter, the procedure will be the same as that in respect to proceedings after formal hearing. [Rule 187.]

Subpart L—Depositions, Written Interrogatories, and Discovery

§ 502.201 General provisions governing discovery.
(a) Applicability. The procedures described in this subpart are available in all adjudicatory proceedings under the Shipping Act of 1984. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the copy requirements of §502.118(b)(3)(i) shall be observed.

(b) Schedule of use—(1) Complaint proceedings. Any party desiring to use the procedures provided in this subpart shall commence doing so at the time it files its initial pleading, e.g., complaint, answer or petition for leave to intervene. Discovery matters accompanying complaints shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for service pursuant to §502.113.

(2) Commission instituted proceedings. All parties desiring to use the procedures provided in this subpart shall commence to do so within 30 days of the service of the Commission's order initiating the proceeding.

(c) Commencement of discovery. The requirement to commence discovery under paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section shall be deemed satisfied when a party serves any discovery request under this subpart upon a party or person from whom a response is deemed necessary by the party commencing discovery. A schedule for further discovery pursuant to this subpart shall be established at the conference of the parties pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) Duty of the parties to meet or confer. In all proceedings in which the procedures of this subpart are used, it shall be the duty of the parties to meet or confer within fifteen (15) days after service of the answer to a complaint or after service of the discovery requests in a Commission instituted proceeding in order to: establish a schedule for the completion of discovery within the 120-day period prescribed in paragraph (c) of this section; resolve to the fullest extent possible disputes relating to discovery matters; and expedite, limit, or eliminate discovery by use of admissions, stipulations and other techniques. The schedule shall be submitted to the presiding officer not later than five (5) days after the conference. Nothing in this rule should be construed to preclude the parties from meeting or conferring at an earlier date.

(e) Submission of status reports and requests to alter schedule. The parties shall submit a status report concerning their progress under the discovery schedule established pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section not later than thirty (30) days after submission of such schedule to the presiding officer and at 30-day intervals thereafter, concluding on the final day of the discovery schedule, unless the presiding officer otherwise directs. Requests to alter such schedule beyond the 120-day period shall set forth clearly and in detail the reasons why the schedule cannot be met. Such requests may be submitted with the status reports unless an event occurs which makes adherence to the schedule appear to be impossible, in which case the requests
shall be submitted promptly after occurrence of such event.

(f) Conferences by order of the presiding officer. The presiding officer may at any time order the parties or their attorneys to participate in a conference at which the presiding officer may direct the proper use of the procedures of this subpart or make such orders as may be necessary to resolve disputes with respect to discovery and to prevent delay or undue inconvenience. When a reporter is not present and oral rulings are made at a conference held pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (g) of this section, the parties shall submit to the presiding officer as soon as possible but within three (3) work days, unless the presiding officer grants additional time, a joint memorandum setting forth their mutual understanding as to each ruling on which they agree and, as to each ruling on which their understandings differ, the individual understandings of each party. Thereafter, the presiding officer shall issue a written order setting forth such rulings.

(g) Resolution of disputes. After making every reasonable effort to resolve discovery disputes, a party may request a conference or rulings from the presiding officer on such disputes. Such rulings shall be made orally upon the record when feasible and/or by subsequent ruling in writing. If necessary to prevent undue delay or otherwise facilitate conclusion of the proceeding, the presiding officer may order a hearing to commence before the completion of discovery.

(h) Scope of examination. Persons and parties may be examined regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the proceeding, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the examining party or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things, and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of relevant facts. It is not ground for objection that the testimony will be inadmissible at the hearing if the testimony sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

(i) Protective orders. (1) Upon motion by a party or by the person from whom discovery is sought, and for good cause shown, the presiding officer may make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense including one or more of the following:
   (i) That the discovery not be had;
   (ii) That the discovery may be had only on specified terms and conditions including a designation of the time or place;
   (iii) That the discovery may be had only by a method of discovery other than that selected by the party seeking discovery;
   (iv) That certain matters not be inquired into, or that the scope of the discovery be limited to certain matters;
   (v) That discovery may be conducted with no one present except persons designated by the presiding officer;
   (vi) That a deposition after being sealed be opened only by order of the presiding officer;
   (vii) That a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information not be disclosed or be disclosed only in a designated way;
   (viii) That the parties simultaneously file specified documents or information enclosed in sealed envelopes to be opened as directed by the presiding officer.

(2) If the motion for a protective order is denied in whole or in part, the presiding officer may, on such terms and conditions as are just, order that any party or person provide or permit discovery. Rulings under this paragraph shall be issued by the presiding officer at a discovery conference called under §502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, under such other procedure the presiding officer may establish.

(j) Supplementation of responses. A party who has responded to a request for discovery with a response that was complete when made is under no duty to supplement the party's responses to include information thereafter acquired, except as follows:
§ 502.203  Depositions upon oral examination.

(a) Notice of examination. (1) A party desiring to take the deposition of any person upon oral examination shall give reasonable notice in writing to such person and to every other party to the action, pursuant to subpart H of this part. The notice shall state the time and place for taking the deposition and the name and address of each person to be examined, if known, and, if the name is not known, a general description sufficient to identify the person or the particular class or group to which the person belongs. The notice shall also contain a statement of the
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matters concerning which each witness will testify.

(2) The attendance of witnesses may be compelled by subpoena as provided in subpart I of this part. If a subpoena duces tecum is to be served on the person to be examined, the designation of the materials to be produced as set forth in the subpoena shall be attached to or included in the notice.

(3) All errors and irregularities in the notice or subpoena for taking of a deposition are waived unless written objection is promptly served upon the party giving the notice.

(4) Examination and cross-examination of deponents may proceed as permitted at the hearing under the provisions of § 502.154.

(b) Record of examination; oath; objections.

(1) The officer before whom the deposition is to be taken shall put the witness on oath and shall personally, or by someone acting under the direction and in his or her presence, record the testimony of the witness. The testimony shall be taken stenographically and transcribed unless the parties agree otherwise. All objections made at the time of the examination to the qualifications of the officer taking it, or to the evidence presented, or to the conduct of any party, and any other objection to the proceedings, shall be noted by the officer upon the deposition. Evidence objected to shall be taken subject to the objections. Objections shall be resolved at a discovery conference called under § 502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, by such other procedure as the presiding officer may establish.

(2) In lieu of participating in the oral examination, parties served with notice of taking a deposition may transmit written interrogatories to the officer, who shall propound them to the witness and record the answers verbatim.

(3) The parties may stipulate or the presiding officer may upon motion order that a deposition be taken by telephone or other reliable device.

(c) Motion to terminate or limit examination. At any time during the taking of the deposition, on motion of any party or of the deponent and upon a showing that the examination is being conducted in bad faith or in such manner as unreasonably to annoy, embarrass, or oppress the deponent or party, the presiding officer may order the officer conducting the examination to cease forthwith from taking the deposition, or may limit the scope and manner of the taking of the deposition as provided in paragraph (b) of this section. If the order made terminates the examination, it shall be resumed thereafter only upon the order of the presiding officer. Upon demand of the objecting party or deponent, the taking of the deposition shall be suspended for the time necessary to make a motion for an order. Rulings under this paragraph shall be issued by the presiding officer at a discovery conference called under § 502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, by such other procedure as the presiding officer may establish.

(d) Submission to witness; changes; signing.

When the testimony is fully transcribed, the deposition shall be submitted to the witness for examination and shall be read to or by the witness, unless such examination and reading are waived by the witness and by the parties. Any changes in form or substance which the witness desires to make shall be entered upon the deposition by the officer with a statement of the reasons given by the witness for making them. The deposition shall then be signed by the witness unless the parties by stipulation waive the signing or the witness is ill or cannot be found or refuses to sign. If the deposition is not signed by the witness, the officer shall sign it and state on the record the fact of the waiver or of the illness or absence of the witness or the fact of the refusal to sign, together with the reason, if any, given therefor, and the deposition may then be used as fully as though signed, unless upon objection, the presiding officer holds that the reasons given for the refusal to sign require rejection of the deposition in whole or in part.

(e) Certification and filing by officer; copies, notice of filing.

(1) The officer taking the deposition shall certify on the deposition that the witness was duly sworn by the officer and that the deposition is a true record of the testimony given by the witness. The officer shall then securely seal the deposition in an envelope endorsed with the title
§ 502.205 Interrogatories to parties.

(a) Service; answers. (1) Any party may serve, pursuant to subpart H of this part, upon any other party written interrogatories to be answered by the party served or, if the party served is a public or private corporation or a partnership or association, by any officer or agent, who shall furnish such information as is available to the party. Any party desiring to serve interrogatories as provided by this section must comply with the applicable provisions of §502.201 and make service thereof on all parties to the proceeding.

(2) Each interrogatory shall be answered separately and fully in writing under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for objection shall be stated in lieu of an answer. The answers are to be signed by the person making them, and the objections signed by the attorney making them.

(3) The party upon whom the interrogatories have been served shall serve a copy of the answers, and objections if any, on all parties to the proceeding under the schedule established pursuant to §502.201. The presiding officer, for good cause, may limit service of answers.

(b) Objections to interrogatories. All objections to interrogatories shall be resolved at the conference or meeting provided for under §502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, by such other procedure as the presiding officer may establish. Written replies to objections to interrogatories shall be permitted only to the extent that the discovery schedule previously established under §502.201(d) is not delayed.

(c) Scope, time, number and use. (1) Interrogatories may relate to any matters which can be inquired into under §502.201(h), and the answers may be used to the same extent as provided in §502.209 for the use of the deposition of a party.
§ 502.206 Production of documents and things and entry upon land for inspection and other purposes.

(a) Scope. Any party may serve, pursuant to subpart H of this part, on any other party a request (1) to produce and permit the party making the request, or someone acting on its behalf, to inspect and copy any designated documents (including writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound or video recordings, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated, if necessary, by the respondent through detection devices into reasonably usable form), or to inspect and copy, test, or sample any tangible things which constitute or contain matters within the scope of §502.203(a) and which are in the possession, custody or control of the party upon whom the request is served; or (2) to permit entry upon designated land or other property in the possession or control of the party upon whom the request is served for the purpose of inspection and measuring, surveying, photographing, testing, or sampling the property of any designated object or operation thereon, within the scope of §502.203(a).

(b) Procedure. The request shall set forth the items to be inspected either by individual item or by category, and describe each item and category with reasonable particularity. The request shall specify a reasonable time, place, and manner of making the inspection and performing the related acts. Responses shall be served under the schedule established pursuant to §502.201. The response shall state, with respect to each item or category, that inspection and related activities will be permitted as requested, unless the request is objected to, in which event the reasons for objection shall be stated. Objections to requests for production of documents shall be resolved at the conference or meeting required under §502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, by such other procedure as the presiding officer may establish. Written replies to objections to requests for production of documents shall be permitted only to the extent that the discovery schedule previously established under §502.201(d) is not delayed. [Rule 206.]

§ 502.207 Requests for admission.

(a) A party may serve, pursuant to subpart H of this part, upon any other party a written request for the admission, for purposes of the pending action only, of the truth of any matters within the scope of §502.203(a) set forth in the request that relate to statements or opinions of fact or of the application of law to fact, including the genuineness of any documents described in the request. Copies of documents shall be
served with the request unless they have been or are otherwise furnished or made available for inspection and copying. Any party desiring to serve a request as provided by this section must comply with the applicable provisions of §502.201.

(2)(i) Each matter of which an admission is requested shall be separately set forth.

(ii) The matter is admitted unless, within thirty (30) days after service of the request, or within such shorter or longer time as the presiding officer may allow pursuant to §502.201, the party to whom the request is directed serves upon the party requesting the admission a written answer or objection addressed to the matter, signed by the party or the party’s attorney. If objection is made, the reasons therefor shall be stated. The answer shall specifically deny the matter or set forth in detail the reasons why the answering party cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter. A denial shall fairly meet the substance of the requested admission, and when good faith requires that a party qualify the answer or deny only a part of the matter of which an admission is requested, the party shall specify so much of it as is true and qualify or deny the remainder.

(iii) An answering party may not give lack of information or knowledge as a reason for failure to admit or deny unless the party states that reasonable inquiry has been made and that the information known or readily obtainable is insufficient to enable the party to admit or deny. A party who considers that a matter of which an admission has been requested presents a genuine issue for trial may not, on that ground alone, object to the request; a party may, subject to the provisions of §502.207(c) deny the matter or set forth reasons why it cannot be admitted or denied.

(3) The party who has requested admission may request rulings on the sufficiency of the answers or objections. Rulings on such requests shall be issued at a conference called under §502.201(f) or, if circumstances warrant, by such other procedure as the presiding officer may establish. Unless the presiding officer determines that an objection is justified, the presiding officer shall order that an answer be served. If the presiding officer determines that an answer does not comply with the requirements of this rule, the presiding officer may order either that the matter is admitted or that an amended answer be served. The presiding officer may, in lieu of these orders, determine that final disposition of the request be made at a prehearing conference or at a designated time prior to hearing.

(b) Effect of admission. Any matter admitted under this rule is conclusively established unless the presiding officer, on motion permits withdrawal or amendment when the presentation of the merits of the action will be subverted thereby and the party who obtained the admission fails to satisfy the presiding officer that withdrawal or amendment will be prejudicial in maintaining the party’s action or defense on the merits. Any admission made by a party under this rule is for the purpose of the pending proceeding only and is not an admission for any other purpose, nor may it be used against the party in any other proceeding.

(c) Expenses on failure to admit. If a party fails to admit the genuineness of any document or the truth of any matter as requested under paragraph (a) of this section, and if the party requesting the admission thereafter proves the genuineness of the document or the truth of the matter, that party may apply to the presiding officer for an order requiring the other party to pay the reasonable expenses incurred in making that proof, including reasonable attorney’s fees. Such application must be made to the presiding officer before issuance of the initial decision in the proceeding. The presiding officer shall make the order unless it is found that:

(1) The request was held objectionable pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, or
(2) The admission sought was of no substantial importance, or
(3) The party failing to admit had reasonable ground to believe that it might prevail on the matter, or
(4) There was other good reason for the failure to admit. [Rule 207.]
§ 502.208 Use of discovery procedures directed to Commission staff personnel.

(a) Discovery procedures described in §§ 502.202, 502.203, 502.204, 502.205, 502.206, and 502.207, directed to Commission staff personnel shall be permitted and shall be governed by the procedures set forth in those sections except as modified by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section. All notices to take depositions, written interrogatories, requests for production of documents and other things, requests for admissions, and any motions in connection with the foregoing, shall be served on the Secretary of the Commission.

(b) The General Counsel shall designate an attorney to represent any Commission staff personnel to whom any discovery requests or motions are directed. The attorney so designated shall not thereafter participate in the Commission’s decision-making process concerning any issue in the proceeding.

(c) Rulings of the presiding officer issued under paragraph (a) of this section shall become final rulings of the Commission unless an appeal is filed within ten (10) days after date of issuance of such rulings or unless the Commission on its own motion reverses, modifies, or stays such rulings within twenty (20) days of their issuance. Replies to appeals may be filed within ten (10) days. No motion for leave to appeal is necessary in such instances and no ruling of the presiding officer shall be effective until twenty (20) days from date of issuance unless the Commission otherwise directs.

[Rule 208.]

§ 502.209 Use of depositions at hearings.

(a) General. At the hearing, any part or all of a deposition, so far as admissible under the rules of evidence, may be used against any party who was present or represented at the taking of the deposition or who had due notice thereof in accordance with any one of the following provisions:

(1) Any deposition may be used by any party for the purpose of contradicting or impeaching the testimony of deponent as a witness.

(2) The deposition of a party or of anyone who at the time of taking the deposition was an officer, director, or duly authorized agent of a public or private corporation, partnership, or association which is a party, may be used by any other party for any purpose.

(3) The deposition of a witness, whether or not a party, may be used by any party for any purpose if the presiding officer finds:
   (i) That the witness is dead; or
   (ii) That the witness is out of the United States unless it appears that the absence of the witness was procured by the party offering the deposition; or
   (iii) That the witness is unable to attend or testify because of age, sickness, infirmity, or imprisonment; or
   (iv) That the party offering the deposition has been unable to procure the attendance of the witness by subpoena; or
   (v) Upon application and notice, that such exceptional circumstances exist as to make it desirable, in the interest of justice and with due regard to the importance of presenting the testimony of witnesses orally in open hearing, to allow the deposition to be used.

(4) If only part of a deposition is offered in evidence by a party, any other party may require introduction of all of it which is relevant to the part introduced, and any party may introduce any other parts.

(5) Substitution of parties does not affect the right to use depositions previously taken; and, when a proceeding in any hearing has been dismissed and another proceeding involving the same subject matter is afterward brought between the same parties or their representatives or successors in interest, all depositions lawfully taken and duly filed in the former proceeding may be used in the latter as if originally taken therefor.

(b) Objections to admissibility. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, objection may be made at the hearing to receiving in evidence any deposition or part thereof for any reason which would require the exclusion of the evidence if the witness were then present and testifying.

(2) Objections to the competency of a witness or to the competency, relevancy, or materiality of testimony are not waived by failure to make them
§ 502.210 Refusal to comply with orders to answer or produce documents; sanctions; enforcement.

(a) Sanctions for failure to comply with order. If a party or an officer or duly authorized agent of a party refuses to obey an order requiring such party to answer designated questions or to produce any document or other thing for inspection, copying or photographing or to permit it to be done, the presiding officer may make such orders in regard to the refusal as are just, and among others, the following:

(1) An order that the matters regarding which the order was made or any other designated facts shall be taken to be established for the purposes of the action in accordance with the claim of the party obtaining the order;

(2) An order refusing to allow the disobedient party to support or oppose designated claims or defenses, or prohibiting the disobedient party from introducing designated matters in evidence or an order that with respect to matters regarding which the order was made or any other designated fact, inferences will be drawn adverse to the person or party refusing to obey such order;

(3) An order striking out pleadings or parts thereof, or staying further proceedings until the order is obeyed, or dismissing the action or proceeding or any party thereto, or rendering a judgment by default against the disobedient party.

(b) Enforcement of orders and subpoenas. In the event of refusal to obey an order or failure to comply with a subpoena, the Attorney General at the request of the Commission, or any party injured thereby may seek enforcement by a United States district court having jurisdiction over the parties. Any action with respect to enforcement of subpoenas or orders relating to depositions, written interrogatories, or other discovery matters shall be taken within twenty (20) days of the date of refusal to obey or failure to comply. A private party shall advise the Commission five (5) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) before applying to the court of its intent to seek enforcement of such subpoenas and discovery orders.

(c) Persons and documents located in a foreign country. Orders of the presiding officer directed to persons or documents located in a foreign country shall become final orders of the Commission unless an appeal to the Commission is filed within ten (10) days after date of issuance of such orders or unless the Commission on its own motion reverses, modifies, or stays such rulings within twenty (20) days of their issuance. Replies to appeals may be filed within ten (10) days. No motion for leave to appeal is necessary in such instances and no orders of the presiding officer shall be effective until twenty (20) days from date of issuance.
§ 502.221 Briefs; requests for findings.

(a) The presiding officer shall fix the time and manner of filing briefs and any enlargement of time. The period of time allowed shall be the same for all parties unless the presiding officer, for good cause shown, directs otherwise.

(b) Briefs shall be served upon all parties pursuant to subpart H of this part.

(c) In investigations instituted on the Commission’s own motion, the presiding officer may require the Bureau of Enforcement to file a request for findings of fact and conclusions within a reasonable time prior to the filing of briefs. Service of the request shall be in accordance with the provisions of subpart H of this part.

(d) Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, opening or initial briefs shall contain the following matters in separately captioned sections: (1) Introductory section describing the nature and background of the case, (2) proposed findings of fact in serially numbered paragraphs with reference to exhibit numbers and pages of the transcript, (3) argument based upon principles of law with appropriate citations of the authorities relied upon, and (4) conclusions.

(e) All briefs shall contain a subject index or table of contents with page references and a list of authorities cited.

(f) All briefs filed pursuant to this section shall ordinarily be limited to eighty (80) pages in length, exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of authorities, and certificate of service, unless the presiding officer allows the parties to exceed this limit for good cause shown and upon application filed not later than five (5) days before the time fixed for filing of such a brief or reply. [Rule 221.]

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§ 502.222 Requests for enlargement of time for filing briefs.

Requests for enlargement of time within which to file briefs shall conform to the requirements of §502.102. Except for good cause shown, such requests shall be filed and served pursuant to subpart H of this part not later than five (5) days before the expiration of the time fixed for the filing of the briefs. [Rule 222.]

§ 502.223 Decisions—Administrative law judges.

To the administrative law judges is delegated the authority to make and serve initial or recommended decisions. All initial and recommended decisions will include a statement of findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis therefor, upon all the material issues presented on the record, and the appropriate rule, order, sanction, relief, or denial thereof. Where appropriate, the statement of findings and conclusions should be numbered. Initial decisions should address only those issues necessary to a resolution of the material issues presented on the record. A copy of each decision when issued shall be served on the parties to the proceeding. In proceedings involving overcharge claims, the presiding officer may, where appropriate, require that the carrier publish notice in its tariff of the substance of the decision. This provision shall also apply to decisions issued pursuant to subpart T of this part. [Rule 223.]

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§ 502.224 Separation of functions.

The separation of functions as required by 5 U.S.C. 554(d) shall be observed in proceedings under subparts A to Q inclusive, of this part. [Rule 224.]


All final decisions will include a statement of findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis therefor, upon all the material issues presented on the record, and the appropriate rule, order, sanction, relief, or denial thereof. A copy of each decision when issued shall be served on the parties to the proceeding. This provision shall also...
apply to decisions issued pursuant to subpart T of this part. [Rule 225.]

§ 502.227 Exceptions to decisions or orders of dismissal of administrative law judge; replies thereto; review of decisions or orders of dismissal by Commission; and judicial review.

(a)(1) Within twenty-two (22) days after date of service of the initial decision, unless a shorter period is fixed under §502.103, any party may file a memorandum excepting to any conclusions, findings, or statements contained in such decision, and a brief in support of such memorandum. Such exceptions and brief shall constitute one document, shall indicate with particularity alleged errors, shall indicate transcript page and exhibit number when referring to the record, and shall be served on all parties pursuant to subpart H of this part.

(2) Any adverse party may file and serve a reply to such exceptions within twenty-two (22) days after the date of service thereof, which shall contain appropriate transcript and exhibit references.

(3) Whenever the officer who presided at the reception of the evidence, or other qualified officer, makes an initial decision, such decision shall become the decision of the Commission thirty (30) days after date of service thereof (and the Secretary shall so notify the parties), unless within such 30-day period, or greater time as enlarged by the Commission for good cause shown, request for review is made in exceptions filed or a determination to review is made by the Commission on its own initiative.

(4) A decision or order of dismissal by an administrative law judge shall only be considered final for purposes of judicial review if the party has first sought review by the Commission pursuant to this section.

(5) Upon the filing of exceptions to, or review of, an initial decision, such decision shall become inoperative until the Commission determines the matter.

(6) Where exceptions are filed to, or the Commission reviews, an initial decision, the Commission, except as it may limit the issues upon notice or by rule, will have all the powers which it would have in making the initial decision. Whenever the Commission shall determine to review an initial decision on its own initiative, notice of such intention shall be served upon the parties.

(7) The time periods for filing exceptions and replies to exceptions, prescribed by this section, shall not apply to proceedings conducted under §502.75.

(b)(1) If an administrative law judge has granted a motion for dismissal of the proceeding in whole or in part, any party desiring to appeal must file such appeal no later than twenty-two (22) days after service of the ruling on the motion in question.

(2) Any adverse party may file and serve a reply to an appeal under this paragraph within twenty-two (22) days after the appeal is served.
(3) The denial of a petition to intervene or withdrawal of a grant of intervention shall be deemed to be a dismissal within the meaning of this paragraph.

(c) Whenever an administrative law judge orders dismissal of a proceeding in whole or in part, such order, in the absence of appeal, shall become the order of the Commission thirty (30) days after date of service of such order (and the Secretary shall so notify the parties), unless within such 30-day period the Commission decides to review such order on its own motion, in which case notice of such intention shall be served upon the parties.

(d) The Commission shall not, on its own initiative, review any initial decision or order of dismissal unless such review is requested by an individual Commissioner. Any such request must be transmitted to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after date of service of the decision or order. Such request shall be sufficient to bring the matter before the Commission for review.

(e) All briefs and replies filed pursuant to this section shall ordinarily be limited to fifty (50) pages in length, exclusive of pages containing the table of contents, table of authorities, and certificate of service, unless the Commission allows the parties to exceed this limit for good cause shown and upon application filed not later than five (5) days before the time fixed for filing of such a brief or reply. [Rule 227.]

§ 502.229 Certification of record by presiding or other officer.

The presiding or other officer shall certify and transmit the entire record to the Commission when (a) exceptions are filed or the time therefor has expired, (b) notice is given by the Commission that the initial decision will be reviewed on its own initiative, or (c) the Commission requires the case to be certified to it for initial decision. [Rule 229.]

§ 502.230 Reopening by presiding officer or Commission.

(a) Motion to reopen. At any time after the conclusion of a hearing in a proceeding, but before issuance by the presiding officer of a recommended or initial decision, any party to the proceeding may file with the presiding officer a motion to reopen the proceeding for the purpose of receiving additional evidence. A motion to reopen shall be served in conformity with the requirements of subpart H and shall set forth the grounds requiring reopening of the proceeding, including material changes of fact or of law alleged to have occurred since the conclusion of the hearing.

(b) Reply. Within ten (10) days following service of a motion to reopen, any party may reply to such motion.

(c) Reopening by presiding officer. At any time prior to filing his or her decision, the presiding officer upon his or her own motion may reopen a proceeding for the purpose of taking further evidence.

(d) Reopening by the Commission. Where a decision has been issued by the presiding officer or where a decision by the presiding officer has been omitted, but before issuance of a Commission decision, the Commission may, after petition and reply in conformity with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, or upon its own motion, reopen a proceeding for the purpose of taking further evidence.

(e) Remand by the Commission. Nothing contained in this rule shall preclude the Commission from remanding a proceeding to the presiding officer for
§ 502.251 Proof on award of reparation.

If many shipments or points of origin or destination are involved in a proceeding in which reparation is sought (See §502.63), the Commission will determine in its decision the issues as to violations, injury to complainant, and right to reparation. If complainant is found entitled to reparation, the parties thereafter will be given an opportunity to agree or make proof respecting the shipments and pecuniary amount of reparation due before the order of the Commission awarding reparation is entered. In such cases, freight bills and other exhibits bearing on the details of all shipments, and the amount of reparation on each, need not be produced at the original hearing unless called for or needed to develop other pertinent facts. [Rule 251.]
§ 502.252 Reparation statements.

When the Commission finds that reparation is due, but that the amount cannot be ascertained upon the record before it, the complainant shall immediately prepare a statement in accordance with the approved reparation statement in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart, showing details of the shipments on which reparation is claimed. This statement shall not include any shipments not covered by the findings of the Commission. Complainant shall forward the statement, together with the paid freight bills on the shipments, or true copies thereof, to the respondent or other person who collected the charges for checking and certification as to accuracy. Statements so prepared and certified shall be filed with the Commission for consideration in determining the amount of reparation due. Disputes concerning the accuracy of amounts may be assigned for conference by the Commission, or in its discretion referred for further hearing. [Rule 252.]

§ 502.253 Interest in reparation proceedings.

Except as to applications for refund or waiver of freight charges under § 502.271 and claims which are settled by agreement of the parties, and absent fraud or misconduct of a party, interest granted on awards of reparation in complaint proceedings instituted under the Shipping Act of 1984 will accrue from the date of injury to the date specified in the Commission order awarding reparation. Compounding will be daily from the date of injury to the date specified in the Commission order awarding reparation. Normally, the date specified within which payment must be made will be fifteen (15) days subsequent to the date of service of the Commission order awarding reparation. The monthly secondary market rates on six-month U.S. Treasury bills commencing with the month that the injury occurred and concluding with the latest available monthly U.S. Treasury bill rate at the date of the Commission order awarding reparation. The monthly secondary market rates on six-month U.S. Treasury bills for the reparation period will be summed up and divided by the number of months for which interest rates are available in the reparation period to determine the average interest rate applicable during the period. [64 FR 7810, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.254 Attorney's fees in reparation proceedings.

(a) Scope. The Commission shall, upon petition, award the complainant reasonable attorney's fees directly related to obtaining a reparation award in any complaint proceeding under section 11 of the Shipping Act of 1984. For purposes of this section, "attorney's fees" includes the fair market value of the services of any person permitted to appear and practice before the Commission in accordance with subpart B of this part, and may include compensation for services rendered the complainant in a related proceeding in Federal court that is useful and necessary to the determination of a reparation award in the complaint proceeding.

(b) Content of petitions. Petitions for attorney's fees under this section shall specify the number of hours claimed by each person representing the complainant at each identifiable stage of the proceeding, and shall be supported by evidence of the reasonableness of hours claimed and the customary fees charged by attorneys and associated legal representative in the community where the petitioner practices. Requests for additional compensation must be supported by evidence that the customary fees for the hours reasonably expended on the case would result in an unreasonable fee award.

(c) Filing of petition. (1) Petitions for attorney's fees shall be filed within 30 days of a final reparation award:

(i) With the presiding officer where the presiding officer's decision awarding reparation became administratively final pursuant to § 502.227(a)(3) and § 502.304(g); or

(ii) With the Commission, if exceptions were filed to, or the Commission reviewed, the presiding officer's reparation award decision pursuant to § 502.227 of this part.

(2) For purposes of this section, a reparation award shall be considered final after a decision disposing of the merits
of a complaint is issued and the time for the filing of court appeals has run or after a court appeal has terminated.

(d) Replies to petitions. Within 20 days of filing of the petition, a reply to the petition may be filed by the respondent, addressing the reasonableness of any aspect of the petitioner’s claim. A respondent may also suggest adjustments to the claim under the criteria stated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) Ruling on petitions. Upon consideration of a petition and any reply thereto, the Commission or the presiding officer shall issue an order stating the total amount of attorney’s fees awarded. The order shall specify the hours and rate of compensation found awardable and shall explain the basis for any additional adjustments. An award order shall be served within 60 days of the date of the filing of the reply to the petition or expiration of the reply period; except that in cases involving a substantial dispute of facts critical to the award determination, the Commission or presiding officer may hold a hearing on such issues and extend the time for issuing a fee award order by an additional 30 days. The Commission or the presiding officer may adopt a stipulated settlement of attorney’s fees.

(f) In cases where the presiding officer issues an award order, appeal of that order and Commission review of that order in the absence of appeal shall be governed by the procedures of §502.227 of this part. [Rule 254.]

### Reparation Statement To Be Filed Pursuant to Rule 252

**Claim of** __________________ under the decision of the Federal Maritime Commission in Docket No. ____________.

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*Here insert name of person paying charges in the first instance, and state whether as consignor, consignee, or in what other capacity.

Total amount of reparation $__________________________

The undersigned hereby certifies that this statement has been checked against the records of this company and found correct.

Date ________________________

____________________________ Steamship Company, Collecting Carrier Respondent,

By __________________________, Auditor

By __________________________, Claimant

____________________________, Attorney

(address and date)
§ 502.261 Petitions for reconsideration and stay.

(a) Within thirty (30) days after issuance of a final decision or order by the Commission, any party may file a petition for reconsideration. Such petition shall be limited to 25 pages in length and shall be served in conformity with the requirements of subpart H of this part. A petition will be subject to summary rejection unless it:

(1) Specifies that there has been a change in material fact or in applicable law, which change has occurred after issuance of the decision or order;

(2) Identifies a substantive error in material fact contained in the decision or order; or

(3) Addresses a finding, conclusion or other matter upon which the party has not previously had the opportunity to comment or which was not addressed in the briefs or arguments of any party. Petitions which merely elaborate upon or repeat arguments made prior to the decision or order will not be received. A petition shall be verified if verification of the original pleading is required and shall not operate as a stay of any rule or order of the Commission.

(b) A petition for stay of a Commission order which directs the discontinuance of statutory violations will not be received.

(c) The provisions of this section are not applicable to decisions issued pursuant to subpart S of this part. [Rule 261.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 27211, May 7, 1993]

§ 502.262 Reply to petition for reconsideration or stay.

Any party may file a reply in opposition to a petition for reconsideration or stay within fifteen (15) days after the date of service of the petition in accordance with §502.74. The reply shall be limited to 25 pages in length and shall be served in conformity with subpart H of this part. [Rule 262.]

[58 FR 27211, May 7, 1993]

§ 502.271 Special docket application for permission to refund or waive freight charges.

(a)(1) A common carrier or a shipper may file a special docket application seeking permission for a common carrier or conference to refund or waive collection of a portion of freight charges if there is:

(i) An error in the tariff;

(ii) An error in failing to publish a new tariff; or

(iii) An error in quoting a tariff.

(2) Such application must not result in discrimination among shippers, ports, or carriers.

(b) Such application must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of sailing of the vessel from the port at which the cargo was loaded. An application is filed when it is placed in the mail, delivered to a courier, or, if delivered by another method, when it is received by the Commission. Filings by mail or courier must include a certification as to date of mailing or delivery to the courier.

(c) Prior to submission of the application for a refund for an error in a tariff or a failure to publish a new tariff, the carrier or conference must publish a new tariff which sets forth the rate on which refund or waiver would be based.

(d) Such application must be in accordance with Exhibit 1 to this Subpart and must also comply with the following requirements:

(1) Applications must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573-0001.

(2) Applications must be submitted in an original and one (1) copy.

(3) Applications must be sworn to before a notary public or otherwise verified in accordance with §502.117.

(4) When a rate published in a conference tariff is involved, the carrier or shipper must serve a copy of the application on the conference and so certify in accordance with §502.117 to that service in the application. A shipper
must also make a similar service and certification with respect to the common carrier.

(5) Applications must be accompanied by remittance of an $86 filing fee.

(e) Any application which does not furnish the information required by this Subpart may be returned to the applicant by the Secretary without prejudice to resubmission within the 180-day limitation period.

(f)(1) The Secretary in his discretion shall assign all applications to either a Special Dockets Officer or the Office of Administrative Law Judges. Authority to issue decisions under this subpart is delegated to the assigned Special Dockets Officer or Administrative Law Judge.

(2) Applicants will be notified as to the assignment of a deciding official, and the assignment of a special docket number. Formal proceedings as described in other rules of this part need not be conducted. The deciding official may, in his or her discretion, require the submission of additional information.

(g) The deciding official shall issue a decision which, pursuant to §501.21 of this chapter, shall become final ten (10) days after service of such decision, unless the Commission in its discretion chooses to review such decision within that time, or the applicant chooses to file exceptions to such decision within that time. [Rule 271.]

EXHIBIT NO. 1 TO SUBPART Q
Application for Refund or Waiver of Freight Charges Due to Tariff or Quoting Error

Federal Maritime Commission
Special Docket No. [leave blank]

Amount of Freight Charges to be refunded or waived:

Application of (Name of carrier or shipper) for the benefit of (Name of person who paid or is responsible for payment of freight charges).

1. Shipment(s). Here fully describe:

(a) Commodity (according to tariff description).

(b) Number of shipments.

(c) Weight or measurement, container size, and number of containers of individual shipment, as well as all shipments.

(d)(1) Date(s) of receipt of shipment(s) by the carrier;

(2) Date(s) of sailing(s) (furnish supporting evidence).

(e) Shipper and place of origin.

(f) Consignee, place of destination and routing of shipment(s).

(g) Name of carrier and date shown on bill of lading (furnish legible copies of bill(s) of lading).

(h) Names of participating ocean carrier(s).

(i) Name(s) of vessel(s) involved in carriage.

(j) Amount of freight charges actually collected (furnish legible copies of rated bill(s) of lading or freight bill(s), as appropriate) broken down (i) per shipment, (ii) in the aggregate, (iii) by whom paid, (iv) who is responsible for payment if different, and (v) date(s) of collection.

(k) Rate and tariff commodity description applicable at time of shipment (furnish legible copies of tariff materials).

(l) Rate and commodity description sought to be applied (furnish legible copies of applicable tariff materials).

(m)(1) Amount of applicable freight charges, per shipment and in the aggregate;

(2) Amount of freight charges at rate sought to be applied, per shipment and in the aggregate.

(n) Amount of freight charges sought to be refunded (waived), per shipment and in the aggregate.

2. Furnish docket numbers of other special docket applications or decided or pending formal proceedings involving the same rate situations.

3. Fully explain the basis for the application, i.e., the error, failure to publish, or misquote, showing why the application should be granted. Furnish affidavits, if appropriate, and legible copies of all supporting documents. If the error is due to failure to publish a tariff, specify the date when the carrier and/or conference intended or agreed to publish a new tariff. If the application is based on a misquote, the application must include the affidavit of the person who made the misquote describing the circumstances surrounding such misquote along with any other supporting documentary evidence available.

4. Furnish any information or evidence as to whether granting the application may result in discrimination among shippers, ports or carriers. List any shipments of other shippers of the same commodity which (i) moved via the carrier(s) or conference involved in this application during the period of time beginning on the date the intended rate would have become effective and ending on the day before the effective date of the conforming tariff; (ii) moved on the same voyage(s) of the vessel(s) carrying the shipment(s) described in No. 1 above; or (iii), in the case of a misquote, moved between the date of receipt of shipment(s) described in No. 1 above, and the date(s) of sailing(s).
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§ 502.285 Investigational hearings.

(a) Investigational hearings, as distinguished from hearings in adjudicatory proceedings, may be conducted in the course of any investigation undertaken by the Commission, including inquiries initiated for the purpose of determining whether or not a person is complying with an order of the Commission.

(b) Investigational hearings may be held before the Commission, one or more of its members, or a duly designated representative, for the purpose of hearing the testimony of witnesses and receiving documents and other data relating to any subject under investigation. Such hearings shall be stenographically reported and a transcript thereof shall be made a part of the record of investigation. [Rule 285.]
§ 502.286 Compulsory process.

The Commission, or its designated representative may issue orders or subpoenas directing the person named therein to appear before a designated representative at a designated time and place to testify or to produce documentary evidence relating to any matter under investigation, or both. Such orders and subpoenas shall be served in the manner provided in §502.134. [Rule 286.]

§ 502.287 Depositions.

The Commission, or its duly authorized representative, may order testimony to be taken by deposition in any investigation at any stage of such investigation. Such depositions may be taken before any person designated by the Commission having the power to administer oaths. Such testimony shall be reduced to writing by the person taking the deposition or under his or her direction, and shall then be subscribed by the deponent. Any person may be compelled to appear and be deposed and to produce evidence in the same manner as witnesses may be compelled to appear and testify and produce documentary evidence as provided in §502.131. [Rule 287.]

§ 502.288 Reports.

The Commission may issue an order requiring a person to file a report or answers in writing to specific questions relating to any matter under investigation. [Rule 288.]

§ 502.289 Noncompliance with investigational process.

In case of failure to comply with Commission investigational processes, appropriate action may be initiated by the Commission, including actions for enforcement by the Commission or the Attorney General and forfeiture of penalties or criminal actions by the Attorney General. [Rule 289.]

§ 502.290 Rights of witness.

Any person required to testify or to submit documentary evidence shall be entitled to retain or, on payment of lawfully prescribed cost, procure a copy of any document produced by such person and of his or her own testimony as stenographically reported or, in the depositions, as reduced to writing by or under the direction of the person taking the deposition. Any party compelled to testify or to produce documentary evidence may be accompanied and advised by counsel, but counsel may not, as a matter or right, otherwise participate in the investigation. [Rule 290.]

§ 502.291 Nonpublic proceedings.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, all investigatory proceedings shall be nonpublic. [Rule 291.]

Subpart S—Informal Procedure for Adjudication of Small Claims

§ 502.301 Statement of policy.

(a) Section 11(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984 permits any person to file a complaint with the Commission claiming a violation occurring in connection with the foreign commerce of the United States and to seek reparation for any injury caused by that violation.

(b) With the consent of both parties, claims filed under this subpart in the amount of $10,000 or less will be referred to the Commission's Informal Dockets Activity for adjudication and decision by its Settlement Officers without the necessity of formal proceedings under the rules of this part.

(c) Determination of claims under this subpart shall be administratively final and conclusive. [Rule 301.]

§ 502.302 Limitations of actions.

(a) Claims alleging violations of the Shipping Act of 1984 must be filed within three years from the time the cause of action accrues.

(b) A claim is deemed filed on the date it is received by the Commission. [Rule 302.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]
§ 502.304 Procedure and filing fee.

(a) A sworn claim under this subpart shall be filed in the form prescribed in Exhibit No. 1 to this subpart. Three (3) copies of this claim must be filed, together with the same number of copies of such supporting documents as may be deemed necessary to establish the claim. Copies of tariff pages need not be filed; reference to such tariffs or to pertinent parts thereof will be sufficient. Supporting documents may consist of affidavits, correspondence, bills of lading, paid freight bills, export declarations, dock or wharf receipts, or of such other documents as, in the judgment of the claimant, tend to establish the claim. The Settlement Officer may, if deemed necessary, request additional documents or information from claimants. Claimant may attach a memorandum, brief or other document containing discussion, argument, or legal authorities in support of its claim. If a claim filed under this subpart involves any shipment which has been the subject of a previous claim filed with the Commission, formally or informally, full reference to such previous claim must be given.

(b) Claims under this subpart shall be addressed to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. Such claims shall be accompanied by remittance of a $68 filing fee.

(c) Each claim under this subpart will be acknowledged with a reference to the Informal Docket Number assigned. The number shall consist of a numeral(s) followed by capital “I” in parentheses. All further correspondence pertaining to such claims must refer to the assigned Informal Docket Number. If the documents filed fail to establish a claim for which relief may be granted, the parties affected will be so notified in writing. The claimant may thereafter, but only if the period of limitation has not run, resubmit its claim with such additional proof as may be necessary to establish the claim. In the event a complaint has been amended because it failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, it will be considered as a new complaint.

(d) A copy of each claim filed under this subpart, with attachments, shall be served by the Settlement Officer on the respondent involved.

(e) Within twenty-five (25) days from the date of service of the claim, the respondent shall serve upon the claimant and file with the Commission its response to the claim, together with an indication, in the form prescribed in Exhibit No. 2 to this subpart, as to whether the informal procedure provided in this subpart is consented to. Failure of the respondent to indicate refusal or consent in its response will be conclusively deemed to indicate such consent. The response shall consist of documents, arguments, legal authorities, or precedents, or any other matters considered by the respondent to be a defense to the claim. The Settlement Officer may request the respondent to furnish such further documents or information as deemed necessary, or he or she may require the claimant to reply to the defenses raised by the respondent.

(f) If the respondent refuses to consent to the claim being informally adjudicated pursuant to this subpart, the claim will be considered a complaint under §502.311 and will be adjudicated under subpart T of this part.

(g) Both parties shall promptly be served with the Settlement Officer’s decision which shall state the basis upon which the decision was made. Where appropriate, the Settlement Officer may require that the respondent publish notice in its tariff of the substance of the decision. This decision shall be final, unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the decision, the Commission exercises its discretionary right to review the decision. The Commission shall not, on its own initiative, review any decision or order of dismissal unless such review is requested by an individual Commissioner. Any such request must be transmitted to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after date of service of the decision or order. Such request shall be sufficient to bring the matter before the Commission for review.

(h) Within thirty (30) days after service of a final decision by a Settlement Officer, any party may file a petition for reconsideration. Such petition shall
§ 502.305

Applicability of other rules of this part.

Except §§ 502.253 and 502.254 or as otherwise specifically provided in this subpart, the rules in subparts A through Q, inclusive, of this part do not apply to situations covered by this subpart. [Rule 305.]

[64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]

EXHIBIT NO. 1 TO SUBPART S

[§ 502.304(a)]—SMALL CLAIM FORM FOR INFORMAL ADJUDICATION AND INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C.

Informal Docket No.——-

(Claimant)

vs.

(Respondent)

I. The claimant is [state in this paragraph whether claimant is an association, corporation, firm or partnership, and if a firm or partnership, the names of the individuals composing the same. State the nature and principal place of business.]

II. The respondent named above is [state in this paragraph whether respondent is an association, corporation, firm or partnership, and if a firm or partnership, the names of the individuals composing the same. State the nature and principal place of business.]

III. That [state in this and subsequent paragraphs to be lettered A, B, etc., the matters that gave rise to the claim. Name specifically each rate, charge, classification, regulation or practice which is challenged. Refer to tariffs, tariff items or rules, or agreement numbers, if known. If claim is based on the fact that a firm is a common carrier, state where it is engaged in transportation by water and which statute(s) it is subject to under the jurisdiction of the Federal Maritime Commission.]

IV. If claim is for overcharges, state commodity, weight and cube, origin, destination, bill of lading description, bill of lading number and date, rate and/or charges assessed, date of delivery, date of payment, by whom paid, rate or charge claimed to be correct and amount claimed as overcharge. [Specify tariff item for rate or charge claimed to be proper].

V. State section of statute claimed to have been violated. (Not required if claim is for overcharges).

VI. State how claimant was injured and amount of damages requested.

VII. The undersigned authorizes the Settlement Officer to determine the above-stated claim pursuant to the informal procedure outlined in subpart S (46 CFR 502.301-502.305) of the Commission's informal procedure for adjudication of small claims subject to discretionary Commission review. Attach memorandum or brief in support of claim. Also attach bill of lading, copies of correspondence or other documents in support of claim.

(Claimant's signature)

(Signature of agent or attorney)

(State of——, County of——, ss:——, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he or she is)

The claimant [or if a firm, association, or corporation, state the capacity of the affiant and is the person who signed the foregoing claim, that he or she has read the foregoing and that the facts set forth without qualification are true and that the facts stated therein upon information received from others, affiant believes to be true.]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the State of ——, County of ——, this —— day of ————, 19—. (Seal)

(Notification Public)

My Commission expires.

Information To Assist in Filing Informal Complaints

Informal Docket procedures are limited to claims of $10,000 or less and are appropriate only in instances when an evidentiary hearing on disputed facts is not necessary. Where, however, a respondent elects not to consent to the informal procedures [See Exhibit No. 2 to subpart S], the claim will be adjudicated by an administrative law judge under subpart T of Part 502.

Under the Shipping Act of 1984 [for foreign commerce], the claim must be filed within three (3) years from the time the cause of action accrues and may be brought against any person alleged to have violated the 1984 Act to the injury of claimant.

A violation of a specific section of a particular shipping statute must be alleged. The format of Exhibit No. 1 must be followed and a verification must be included. (See §§ 502.21–502.32, 502.112, and 502.304.) An original and two (2) copies of the claim and all attachments, including a brief in support of the claim, must be submitted.


EXHIBIT NO. 2 TO SUBPART S
[§ 502.304(c)]—RESPONDENT'S CONSENT FORM FOR INFORMAL ADJUDICATION

Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C.

Informal Docket No. ——

Respondent's Affidavit

I authorize the Settlement Officer to determine the above-numbered claim in accordance with subpart S (46 CFR 502) of the Commission's informal procedure for adjudication of small claims subject to discretionary Commission Review.

(Date)

(Signed)

(Capacity)

Verification

State of ——, County of ——, ss: ———, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he or she is ——— (Title or Position) and is the person who signed the foregoing and agrees without qualification to its truth.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the State of ——, County of ——, this —— day of ————, 19—.

(Seal)

(Notification Public)

My Commission expires.

Certificate of Service [See § 502.320]

Subpart T—Formal Procedure for Adjudication of Small Claims

§ 502.311 Applicability.

In the event the respondent elects not to consent to determination of the claim under subpart S of this part, it shall be adjudicated by the administrative law judges of the Commission under procedures set forth in this subpart, if timely filed under § 502.302. The previously assigned Docket Number shall be used except that it shall now be followed by capital “F” instead of “I” in parentheses (See § 502.304(c)). The complaint shall consist of the documents submitted by the claimant under subpart S of this part. [Rule 311.]

§ 502.312 Answer to complaint.

The respondent shall file with the Commission an answer within twenty-five (25) days of service of the complaint and shall serve a copy of said answer upon complainant. The answer shall admit or deny each matter set forth in the complaint. Matters not specifically denied will be deemed admitted. Where matters are urged in defense, the answer shall be accompanied by appropriate affidavits, other documents, and memoranda. [Rule 312.]

§ 502.313 Reply of complainant.

Complainant may, within twenty (20) days of service of the answer filed by respondent, file with the Commission and serve upon the respondent a reply memorandum accompanied by appropriate affidavits and supporting documents. [Rule 313.]
§ 502.314 Additional information.

The administrative law judge may require the submission of additional affidavits, documents, or memoranda from complainant or respondent. [Rule 314.]

§ 502.315 Request for oral hearing.

In the usual course of disposition of complaints filed under this subpart, no oral hearing will be held, but, the administrative law judge, in his or her discretion, may order such hearing. A request for oral hearing may be incorporated in the answer or in complainant’s reply to the answer. Requests for oral hearing will not be entertained unless they set forth in detail the reasons why the filing of affidavits or other documents will not permit the fair and expeditious disposition of the claim, and the precise nature of the facts sought to be proved at such oral hearing. The administrative law judge shall rule upon a request for oral hearing within ten (10) days of its receipt. In the event an oral hearing is ordered, it will be held in accordance with the rules applicable to other formal proceedings, as set forth in subparts A through Q of this part. [Rule 315.]

§ 502.316 Intervention.

Intervention will ordinarily not be permitted. [Rule 316.]

§ 502.317 Oral argument.

No oral argument will be held unless otherwise directed by the administrative law judge. [Rule 317.]

§ 502.318 Decision.

(a) The decision of the administrative law judge shall be final, unless, within twenty-two (22) days from the date of service of the decision, either party requests review of the decision by the Commission, asserting as grounds therefor that a material finding of fact or a necessary legal conclusion is erroneous or that prejudicial error has occurred, or unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the decision, the Commission exercises its discretionary right to review the decision. The Commission shall not, on its own initiative, review any decision or order of dismissal unless such review is requested by an individual Commissioner. Any such request must be transmitted to the Secretary within thirty (30) days after date of service of the decision or order. Such request shall be sufficient to bring the matter before the Commission for review. [Rule 318.]

(b) If the complainant is awarded reparations pursuant to section 11 of the Shipping Act of 1984, attorney’s fees shall also be awarded in accordance with §502.254 of this part. [Rule 318.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 6332, Mar. 3, 1987]

§ 502.319 Date of service and computation of time.

The date of service of documents served by the Commission shall be that which is shown in the service stamp thereon. The date of service of documents served by parties shall be the date when the matter served is mailed or delivered in person, as the case may be. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is ten (10) days or less, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be excluded from the computation. [Rule 319.]

§ 502.320 Service.

All claims, resubmitted claims, petitions to intervene and rulings thereon, notices of oral hearings, notices of oral arguments (if necessary), decisions of the administrative law judge, notices of review, and Commission decisions shall be served by the administrative law judge or the Commission. All other pleadings, documents and filings shall, when tendered to the Commission, evidence service upon all parties to the proceeding. Such certificate shall be in substantially the following form:

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by [mailing, delivering to courier, or delivering in person], a copy to each such person in sufficient time to reach such person on the date the document is due to be filed with the Commission. Dated at —— this —— day of ——, 19—.

(Signature)

(For)
§ 502.321 Applicability of other rules of this part.

Except as specifically provided in this part, rules in subparts A through Q, inclusive, of this part do not apply to situations covered by this subpart.

[Rule 321.]

[64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]

Subpart U—Conciliation Service

§ 502.401 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart:

(a) Disputes means disagreements between two or more parties arising from the transportation of goods or the performance of services in connection with such transportation in the domestic offshore commerce or the foreign commerce of the United States; a difference of opinion regarding the interpretation of any tariff, rate, rule, or regulation; a disagreement regarding the performance of any service in connection with such transportation; a disagreement with respect to an alleged violation of the shipping statutes; and other disagreement or opposing opinion regarding any matter connected with transportation of cargoes in the waterborne commerce of the United States. This definition is limited to those disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Maritime Commission.


(c) Advisory opinions means non-binding conclusions reached by a conciliator on the basis of oral presentation and/or documentary authority.

(d) Foreign commerce means waterborne common carriage between the United States or any of its territories, commonwealths, districts or possessions, and a foreign country. [Rule 401.]

[49 FR 44369, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.402 Policy.

It is the policy of the Federal Maritime Commission:

(a) To offer its good offices and expertise to parties to disputes involving matters within its jurisdiction, so as to permit resolution of such disputes with dispatch and without the necessity of costly and time-consuming formal proceedings;

(b) To facilitate and promote the resolution of problems and disputes by encouraging affected parties to resolve differences through their own resources;

(c) To create a forum in which grievances, interpretations, problems, and questions involving the waterborne commerce of the United States may be aired, discussed and, hopefully, resolved to the mutual advantage of all concerned parties. [Rule 402.]

§ 502.403 Persons eligible for service.

Request for conciliation service may be made by any shipper, shippers' association, merchant, carrier, conference of carriers, freight forwarder, marine terminal operator, Government agency, or any other person affected by or involved in the transportation of goods by common carrier in the waterborne domestic offshore or foreign commerce of the United States. [Rule 403.]

§ 502.404 Procedure and fee.

(a) The request for conciliation should be addressed to the Federal Maritime Commission Conciliation Service, Washington, DC 20573, and should contain the details of the dispute, names and addresses of all involved parties, the contentions of each party or parties, and copies of any documents that are relevant to the disposition of the issues. If the request is made by any one party to the dispute, the party requesting conciliation should mail or deliver to the other party or parties to the dispute a copy of the letter of request, with attachments, if any. The request shall be accompanied by remittance of a $69 service fee.

(b) Each matter will be assigned a number prefixed by the letters FMCCS and assigned to a conciliator for disposition and the involved parties will
be informed of the case number and the name of the conciliator.

(c) While it is preferable that all parties involved in a dispute request a service jointly, a request by a single party for the service will be acted upon, provided all parties agree that the dispute should be conciliated. In the event that the request is made by only one party, the conciliator will contact the other party or parties to the dispute and be advised as to whether such parties agree to participate in the conciliation. If the other party or parties to the dispute do not agree to the Conciliation Service, no further action will be taken by the conciliator and the conciliation ceases.

(d) The parties will be free to determine the best procedures to be used with the qualification that the conciliator may disapprove procedures that would in his or her opinion be either too time-consuming or involve inordinate expense to the Federal Maritime Commission. The parties may agree to (1) fix a time and place for the oral presentation of each party’s contention; and (2) request affidavits, documents, or other materials that could help resolve the dispute. The conciliator will be in a strictly advisory capacity. There will be no written record of the conciliation discussions.

(e) Participation in the conciliation of a dispute is purely voluntary at all stages and the parties involved may withdraw at any time without prejudice. [Rule 404.]

§ 502.405 Assignment of conciliator.

The Secretary of the Commission, giving due regard to the type and complexity of the problem presented and the degree of expertise required, will assign a conciliator to each dispute. [Rule 405.]

§ 502.406 Advisory opinion.

(a) The conciliator will write an advisory opinion that must meet the approval of all parties. If the advisory opinion, or revision thereof requested by one or more of the parties, is not unanimously agreed upon, then the conciliation will cease, without prejudice to any of the parties involved. If unanimity is not reached, the conciliator will note in a report to the Commission, which shall be served on all parties, that the parties failed to reach agreement. Only if unanimity is reached will the informal advisory opinion, although not binding, be sent to all interested parties and be made available to the public.

(b) There will be no appeal from, or review of, such opinions and any party may pursue any further course of action under any other rule or statute that it deems advisable. [Rule 406.]


SOURCE: 52 FR 28264, July 29, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

§ 502.501 General provisions.

(a) Purpose. The Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. 504 (“EAJA”), provides for the award of attorney fees and other expenses to eligible individuals and entities who are parties to certain administrative proceedings (called “adversary adjudications”) before the Federal Maritime Commission (“the Commission”). An eligible party may receive an award when it prevails over an agency, unless the agency’s position was substantially justified or special circumstances make an award unjust. The rules in this subpart describe the parties eligible for awards and the proceedings that are covered. They also explain how to apply for awards, and the procedures and standards that the Commission will use to make them.

(b) When EAJA applies. EAJA applies to any adversary adjudication:

(1) Pending or commenced before the Commission on or after August 5, 1985;

(2) Commenced on or after October 1, 1984, and finally disposed of before August 5, 1985, provided that an application for fees and expenses, as described in §502.502 of this subpart, has been filed with the Commission within 30 days after August 5, 1985; or

(3) Pending on or commenced on or after October 1, 1981, in which an application for fees and other expenses was timely filed and was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.
(c) Proceedings covered. (1)(i) EAJA applies to adversary adjudications conducted by the Commission under this part. These are adjudications under 5 U.S.C. 554 in which the position of this or any other agency of the United States, or any component of any agency, is presented by an attorney or other representative who enters an appearance and participates in the proceeding.

(ii) Any proceeding in which the Commission may prescribe a lawful present or future rate is not covered by the Act.

(iii) Proceedings to grant or renew licenses are also excluded, but proceedings to modify, suspend, or revoke licenses are covered if they are otherwise “adversary adjudications.”

(2) The Commission’s failure to identify a type of proceeding as an adversary adjudication shall not preclude the filing of an application by a party who believes the proceeding is covered by the EAJA; whether the proceeding is covered will then be an issue for resolution in proceedings on the application.

(3) If a proceeding includes both matters covered by EAJA and matters specifically excluded from coverage, any award made will include only fees and expenses related to covered issues.

(d) Eligibility of applicants. (1) To be eligible for an award of attorney fees and other expenses under EAJA, the applicant must be a party to the adversary adjudication for which it seeks an award. The term “party” is defined in 5 U.S.C. 551(3). The applicant must show that it meets all conditions of eligibility set out in this section and §502.502.

(2) The types of eligible applicants are:

(i) An individual with a net worth of not more than $2 million;

(ii) The sole owner of an unincorporated business who has a net worth of not more than $7 million, including both personal and business interests, and not more than 500 employees;

(iii) A charitable or other tax-exempt organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) with not more than 500 employees;

(iv) A cooperative association as defined in section 15(a) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (12 U.S.C. 1141j(a)) with not more than 500 employees;

(v) Any other partnership, corporation, association, unit of local government, or organization with a net worth of not more than $7 million and not more than 500 employees.

(vi) For purposes of paragraph (e)(3) of this section, a small entity as defined in 5 U.S.C. 601.

(3) For the purpose of eligibility, the net worth and number of employees of an applicant shall be determined as of the date the proceeding was initiated.

(4) An applicant who owns an unincorporated business will be considered as “individual” rather than a “sole owner of an unincorporated business” if the issues on which the applicant prevails are related primarily to personal interests rather than to business interests.

(5) The employees of an applicant include all persons who regularly perform services for remuneration for the applicant, under the applicant’s direction and control. Part-time employees shall be included on a proportional basis.

(6) The net worth and number of employees of the applicant and all of its affiliates shall be aggregated to determine eligibility. Any individual corporation or other entity that directly or indirectly controls or owns a majority of the voting shares or other interests of the applicant, or any corporation or other entity of which the applicant directly or indirectly owns or controls a majority of the voting shares or other interests, will be considered an affiliate for purposes of this subpart, unless the adjudicative officer determines that such treatment would be unjust and contrary to the purposes of EAJA in light of the actual relationship between the affiliated entities. In addition, the adjudicative officer may determine that financial relationships of the applicant other than those described in this paragraph constitute special circumstances that would make an award unjust.

(7) An applicant that participates in a proceeding primarily on behalf of one or more other persons or entities that
§ 502.502 Information required from applicants.

(a) Contents of petition. (1) An application for an award of fees and expenses under EAJA shall be by petition under §502.69 of this part, shall clearly indicate that the application is made under EAJA, and shall identify the applicant and the proceeding (including docket number) for which an award is sought. The application shall show that the applicant has prevailed and identify the position of an agency or agencies that the applicant alleges was not substantially justified. Unless the applicant is an individual, the application shall also state the number of employees of the applicant and describe briefly the

would be ineligible is not itself eligible for an award.

(e) Standards for awards. (1) A prevailing applicant may receive an award for fees and expenses incurred in connection with a proceeding or in a significant and discrete substantive portion of the proceeding, unless the position of the agency over which the applicant has prevailed was substantially justified. The position of the agency includes, in addition to the position taken by the agency in the adversary adjudication, the action or failure to act by the agency upon which the adversary adjudication is based. The burden of proof that an award should not be made to an eligible prevailing applicant is on agency counsel.

(2) An award will be reduced or denied if the applicant has unduly or unreasonably protracted the proceeding or if special circumstances make the award sought unjust.

(3) In an adversary adjudication arising from a Commission action to enforce a party’s compliance with a statutory or regulatory requirement, if the demand by the Commission is substantially in excess of the decision of the presiding officer and is unreasonable under the facts and circumstances of the case, the presiding officer shall award to the party fees and other expenses related to defending against the excessive demand, unless the party has committed a willful violation of law or otherwise acted in bad faith, or special circumstances make an award unjust.

(f) Allowable fees and expenses. (1) Awards will be based on rates customarily charged by the persons engaged in the business of acting as attorneys, agents and expert witnesses, even if the services were made available without charge or at a reduced rate to the applicant.

(2) No award for the fee of an attorney or agent under this subpart may exceed $125 per hour. No award to compensate an expert witness may exceed the highest rate at which the Commission pays expert witnesses. However, an award may also include the reasonable expenses of the attorney, agent, or witness as a separate item, if the attorney, agent or witness ordinarily charges clients separately for such expenses.

(3) In determining the reasonableness of the fee sought for an attorney, agent or expert witness, the adjudicative officer shall consider the following:

(i) If the attorney, agent or witness is in private practice, his or her customary fees for similar services, or, if an employee of the applicant, the fully allocated costs of the services;

(ii) The prevailing rate for similar services in the community in which the attorney, agent or witness ordinarily performs services;

(iii) The time actually spent in the representation of the applicant;

(iv) The time reasonably spent in light of the difficulty or complexity of the issues in the proceeding; and

(v) Such other factors as may bear on the value of the services provided.

(4) The reasonable cost of any study, analysis, engineering report, test project or similar matter prepared on behalf of a party may be awarded, to the extent that the charge for the services does not exceed the prevailing rate for similar services, and the study or other matter was necessary for preparation of applicant’s case.

(g) Awards against other agencies. If an applicant is entitled to an award because it prevails over another agency of the United States that participates in a proceeding before the Commission and takes a position that is not substantially justified, the award or an appropriate portion of the award shall be made against that agency. [Rule 501.]

[52 FR 28264, July 29, 1987, as amended at 64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]
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Type and purpose of its organization or business.

(2) The petition shall also include a statement that the applicant’s net worth does not exceed $2 million (if an individual) or $7 million (for all other applicants, including their affiliates). However, an applicant may omit this statement if:

(i) It attaches a copy of a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service that it qualifies as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) or, in the case of a tax-exempt organization not required to obtain a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service on its exempt status, a statement that describes the basis for the applicant’s belief that it qualifies under such section; or

(ii) It states that it is a cooperative association as defined in section 15(a) of the Agricultural Marketing Act (12 U.S.C. 1141j(a)).

(3) The petition shall state the amount of fees and expenses for which an award is sought.

(4) The petition may also include any other matters that the applicant wishes the Commission to consider in determining whether and in what amount an award should be made.

(5) The petition shall be signed by the applicant or an authorized officer or attorney of the applicant. It shall also contain or be accompanied by a written verification under oath or under penalty of perjury that the information provided in the application is true and correct.

(b) Net worth exhibit. (1) Each applicant except a qualified tax-exempt organization or cooperative association must provide with its petition a detailed exhibit showing the net worth of the applicant and any affiliates (as defined in §502.501(d)(6) of this subpart) when the proceeding was initiated. The exhibit may be in any form convenient to the applicant that provides full disclosure of the applicant’s and its affiliates’ assets and liabilities and is sufficient to determine whether the applicant qualifies under the standards in this subpart. The adjudicative officer may require an applicant to file additional information to determine its eligibility for an award.

(2) Ordinarily, the net worth exhibit will be included in the public record of the proceeding. However, an applicant that objects to public disclosure of information in any portion of the exhibit and believes there are legal grounds for withholding it from disclosure may submit that portion of the exhibit directly to the adjudicative officer in a sealed envelope labeled “Confidential Financial Information,” accompanied by a motion to withhold the information from public disclosure. The motion shall describe the information sought to be withheld and explain, in detail, why it falls within one or more of the specific exemptions from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1)–(9), why public disclosure of the information would adversely affect the applicant, and why disclosure is not required in the public interest. The material in question shall be served on counsel representing the agency against which the applicant seeks an award, but need not be served on any other party to the proceeding. If the adjudicative officer finds that the information should not be withheld from disclosure, it shall be placed in the public record of the proceeding. Otherwise, any request to inspect or copy the exhibit shall be disposed of in accordance with the Commission’s established procedures under the Freedom of Information Act under §§503.31–503.43 of this chapter.

(c) Documentation of fees and expenses. The petition shall be accompanied by full documentation of the fees and expenses, including the cost of any study, analysis, engineering report, test, project or similar matter, for which an award is sought. A separate itemized statement shall be submitted for each professional firm or individual whose services are covered by the application, showing the hours spent in connection with the proceeding by each individual, a description of the specific services performed, the rates at which each fee has been computed, any expenses for which reimbursement is sought, the total amount claimed, and the total amount paid or payable by the applicant or by any other person or entity for the services provided. The adjudicative officer may require the applicant...
§ 502.503 Procedures for considering petitions.

(a) Filing and service of documents. (1) Any petition for an award or other pleading or document related to a petition shall be filed and served on all parties to the proceeding in the same manner as other pleadings in the proceeding, except as provided in § 502.502(b)(2) (confidential financial information).

(2) The petition and all other pleadings or documents related to the petition will be referred to an Administrative Law Judge to initially decide the matter as an adjudicative officer.

(b) Reply to petition. (1) Within 30 days after service of a petition, counsel representing the agency against which an award is sought may file a reply to the petition. Unless counsel requests an extension of time for filing or files a statement of intent to negotiate under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, failure to file a reply within the 30-day period may be treated as a consent to the award requested.

(2) If agency counsel and the applicant believe that the issues in the fee application can be settled, they may jointly file a statement of their intent to negotiate a settlement. The filing of this statement shall extend the time for filing a reply for an additional 30 days, and further extension may be granted by the adjudicative officer upon request by agency counsel and the applicant.

(3) The reply shall explain in detail any objections to the award requested and identify the facts relied on in support of counsel's position. If the reply is based on any alleged facts not already in the record of the proceeding, agency counsel shall include with the reply either supporting affidavits or a request for further proceedings under paragraph (f) of this section.

(c) Response to reply. Within 15 days after service of a reply, the applicant may file a response. If the response is based on any alleged facts not already in the record of the proceeding, the applicant shall include with the response either supporting affidavits or a request for further proceedings under paragraph (f) of this section.

(d) Comments by other parties. Any party to a proceeding other than the applicant and agency counsel may file comments on an application within 30 days after it is served, or on a reply, within 15 days after it is served. A commenting party may not participate further in proceedings on the application unless the adjudicative officer determines that the public interest requires such participation in order to permit full exploration of matters raised in the comments.

(e) Settlement. The applicant and agency counsel may agree on a proposed settlement of the award before final action on the application, either in connection with a settlement of the underlying proceeding, or after the underlying proceeding has been concluded in accordance with the rules of this
subpart pertaining to settlement. If a prevailing party and agency counsel agree on a proposed settlement of an award before a petition is filed, the petition shall be filed with the proposed settlement.

(f) Further proceedings. (1) Ordinarily, the determination of an award will be made on the basis of the written record. However, on request of either the applicant or agency counsel, or on his or her own initiative, the adjudicative officer may order further proceedings, such as an informal conference, oral argument, additional written submissions or, as to issues other than substantial justification (such as the applicant's eligibility or substantiation of fees and expenses), pertinent discovery or an evidentiary hearing. Such further proceedings shall be held only when necessary for full and fair resolution of the issues arising from the application, and shall be conducted as promptly as possible. Whether or not the position of the agency was substantially justified shall be determined on the basis of the administrative record, as a whole, which is made in the adversary adjudication for which fees and other expenses are sought.

(2) A request that the adjudicative officer order further proceedings under this section shall specifically identify the information sought or the disputed issues and shall explain why the additional proceedings are necessary to resolve the issues.

(g) Decision. The adjudicative officer shall serve an initial decision on the application within 60 days after completion of proceedings on the application. The decision shall include written findings and conclusions on the applicant's eligibility and status as a prevailing party, and an explanation of the reasons for any difference between the amount requested and the amount awarded. The decision shall also include, if at issue, findings on whether the agency's position was substantially justified, whether the applicant unduly protracted the proceedings, or whether special circumstances make an award unjust. If the applicant has sought an award against more than one agency, the decision shall allocate responsibility for payment of any award made among the agencies, and shall explain the reason for the allocation made.

(h) Commission review. Either the applicant or agency counsel may seek review of the initial decision on the fee application, or the Commission may decide to review the decision on its own initiative, in accordance with §502.227 of this part. If neither the applicant nor agency counsel seeks review and the Commission does not take review on its own initiative, the initial decision on the application shall become a final decision of the Commission 30 days after it is issued. Whether to review a decision is a matter within the discretion of the Commission. If review is taken, the Commission will issue a final decision on the application or remand the application to the adjudicative officer for further proceedings.

(i) Judicial review. Judicial review of final Commission decisions on awards may be sought as provided in 5 U.S.C. 504(c)(2).

(j) Payment of award. (1)(i) An applicant seeking payment of an award shall submit to the comptroller or other disbursing officer of the paying agency a copy of the Commission's final decision granting the award, accompanied by a certification that the applicant will not seek review of the decision in the United States courts.

(ii) The agency will pay the amount awarded to the applicant within 60 days.

(2) Where the Federal Maritime Commission is the paying agency, the application for payment of award shall be submitted to: Office of Budget and Financial Management, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. [Rule 503.]

Subpart W—Compromise, Assessment, Mitigation, Settlement, and Collection of Civil Penalties

SOURCE: 49 FR 44418, Nov. 6, 1984, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 58 FR 27211, May 7, 1993.
§ 502.601 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of this subpart is to implement the statutory provisions of section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, section 13 of the Shipping Act of 1984, and sections 2(c) and 3(c) of Pub. L. 89-777 by establishing rules and regulations governing the compromise, assessment, settlement and collection of civil penalties arising under certain designated provisions of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, the Shipping Act of 1984, Public Law 89-777, and/or any order, rule, or regulation (except for procedural rules and regulations contained in this part) issued or made by the Commission in the exercise of its powers, duties and functions under those statutes. [Rule 601.]

[64 FR 7812, Feb. 17, 1999]

§ 502.602 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

(a) Assessment means the imposition of a civil penalty by order of the Commission after a formal docketed proceeding.

(b) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(c) Compromise means the process whereby a civil penalty for a violation is agreed upon by the respondent and the Commission outside of a formal, docketed proceeding.

(d) Mitigation means the reduction, in whole or in part, of the amount of a civil penalty.

(e) Person includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, and associations existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or of a foreign country.

(f) Respondent means any person charged with a violation.

(g) Settlement means the process whereby a civil penalty or other disposition of the case for a violation is agreed to in a formal, docketed proceeding instituted by order of the Commission.

(h) Violation includes any violation of sections 19(6)(d), 19(7)(d) and 19(11) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920; any provision of the Shipping Act of 1984; sections 2 and 3 of Pub. L. 89-777; and/or any order, rule or regulation (except for procedural rules and regulations contained in this part) issued or made by the Commission in the exercise of its powers, duties and functions under the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, the Shipping Act of 1984, or Pub. L. 89-777.

(i) Words in the plural form shall include the singular and vice versa; and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa. The terms "includes" and "including" do not exclude matters not listed but which are in the same general class. The word "and" includes "or", except where specifically stated or where the context requires otherwise. [Rule 602.


§ 502.603 Assessment of civil penalties: Procedure; criteria for determining amount; limitations; relation to compromise.

(a) Procedure for assessment of penalty. The Commission may assess a civil penalty only after notice and opportunity for hearing. Civil penalty assessment proceedings, including settlement negotiations, shall be governed by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in this part. All settlements must be approved by the Presiding Officer. The full text of any settlement must be included in the final order of the Commission.

(b) Criteria for determining amount of penalty. In determining the amount of any penalties assessed, the Commission shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation committed and the policies for deterrence and future compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the applicable statutes. The Commission shall also consider the respondent's degree of culpability, history of prior offenses, ability to pay and such other matters as justice requires.

(c) Limitations; relation to compromise. When the Commission, in its discretion, determines that policy, justice or other circumstances warrant, a civil penalty assessment proceeding may be instituted at any time for any violation which occurred within five years prior to the issuance of the order of investigation. Such proceeding may also
§ 502.604 Compromise of penalties: Relation to assessment proceedings.

(a) Scope. Except in pending civil penalty assessment proceedings provided for in § 502.603, the Commission, when it has reason to believe a violation has occurred, may invoke the informal compromise procedures of this section.

(b) Notice. When the Commission considers it appropriate to afford an opportunity for the compromise of a civil penalty, it will, except when otherwise authorized by the Commission, or where circumstances render it unnecessary, send a Notice and Demand Letter ("NDL") to the respondent, by registered or certified mail, or by other means reasonably calculated to give notice. The NDL will describe specific violation(s) on which the claim is based, including the particular facts, dates and other elements necessary for the respondent to identify the specific conduct constituting the alleged violation; the amount of the penalty demanded; and the names of Commission personnel with whom the demand may be discussed, if the person desires to compromise the penalty. The NDL also will state the deadlines for the institution and completion of compromise negotiations and the consequences of failure to compromise.

(c) Request for compromise. Any person receiving a NDL provided for in paragraph (b) of this section may, within the time specified, deny the violation, or submit matters explaining, mitigating or showing extenuating circumstances, as well as make voluntary disclosures of information and documents.

(d) Criteria for compromise. In addition to the factors set forth in § 502.603(b), in compromising a penalty claim, the Commission may consider litigative probabilities, the cost of collecting the claim and enforcement policy.

(e) Disposition of claims in compromise procedures. (1) When a penalty is compromised and the respondent agrees to settle for that amount, a compromise agreement shall be executed. (One example of such compromise agreement is set forth as appendix A to this subpart.) This agreement, after reciting the nature of the claim, will include a statement evidencing the respondent's agreement to the compromise of the Commission's penalty claim for the amount set forth in the agreement and will also embody an approval and acceptance provision which is to be signed by the appropriate Commission official. Upon compromise of the penalty in the agreed amount, a duplicate original of the executed agreement shall be furnished to the respondent.

(2) Upon completion of the compromise, the Commission may issue a public notice thereof, the terms and language of which are not subject to negotiation.

(f) Relation to assessment proceedings. Except by order of the Commission, no compromise procedure shall be initiated or continued after institution of a Commission assessment proceeding directed to the same violations. Any offer of compromise submitted by the respondent pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have been furnished by the respondent without prejudice and shall not be used against the respondent in any proceeding.

(g) Delegation of compromise authority. The compromise authority set forth in this subpart is delegated to the Director, Bureau of Enforcement. [Rule 604.]

§ 502.605 Payment of penalty: Method; default.

(a) Method. Payment of penalties by the respondent is to be made by bank cashier's check or other instrument acceptable to the Commission.

(b) All checks or other instruments submitted in payment of claims shall be made payable to the Federal Maritime Commission.

(c) Default in payment. Where a respondent fails or refuses to pay a penalty properly assessed under § 502.603,
or compromised and agreed to under §502.604, appropriate collection efforts will be made by the Commission, including, but not limited to referral to the Department of Justice for collection. Where such defaulting respondent is a licensed freight forwarder, such default also may be grounds for revocation or suspension of the respondent's license, after notice and opportunity for hearing, unless such notice and hearing have been waived by the respondent in writing. [Rule 605.]


APPENDIX A TO SUBPART W—EXAMPLE OF COMPROMISE AGREEMENT TO BE USED UNDER 46 CFR 502.604

Compromise Agreement

FMC File No.

This Agreement is entered into between:

(1) the Federal Maritime Commission, hereinafter referred to as Commission, and

(2) [Respondent], hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Whereas, the Commission is considering the institution of an assessment proceeding against Respondent for the recovery of civil penalties provided under the [appropriate statute], for alleged violations of section [appropriate statutory reference];

Whereas, this course of action is the result of practices believed by the Commission to have been engaged in by Respondent, to wit: [General description of practices and dates or time period involved]

Whereas, the Commission has authority under the Shipping Act of 1984 and the Shipping Act, 1916, to compromise and collect civil penalties; and,

Whereas, Respondent has terminated the practices which are the basis for the allegations of violation set forth herein, and has instituted and indicated its willingness to maintain measures designed to eliminate these practices by Respondent, its officers, directors or employees.

Now Therefore, in consideration of the premises herein, and in compromise of all civil penalties arising from the alleged violations, Respondent and the Commission hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions of compromise and settlement:

1. Respondent shall make a monetary payment to the Commission herewith, by bank cashier's check, in the total amount of

2. Upon acceptance in writing of this Agreement by the Director of the Bureau of Enforcement of the Commission, this instrument shall forever bar the commencement or institution of any assessment proceeding or other claim for recovery of civil penalties from the Respondent arising from the alleged violations set forth above.

3. It is expressly understood and agreed that this Agreement is not, and is not to be construed as, an admission by Respondent to the alleged violations set forth above.

(Respondent's Name)

By:

[Title]

Date:

Approval and Acceptance

The above terms, conditions and consideration are hereby approved and accepted:

By the Federal Maritime Commission:

Director, Bureau of Enforcement

Date:


Subpart X—Paperwork Reduction Act

§502.991 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

This section displays the control numbers assigned to information collection requirements of the Commission in this part by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511. The Commission intends that this section comply with the Act, which requires that agencies display a current control number assigned by the Director of OMB for each agency information collection requirement:

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PART 503—PUBLIC INFORMATION

Subpart A—General

Sec.

503.1 Statement of policy.
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§ 503.1 Statement of policy.

(a) The Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission is responsible for the effective administration of the provisions of Public Law 89-487, as amended. The Chairman shall carry out this responsibility through the program and the officials as hereinafter provided in this part.

(b) In addition, the Chairman, pursuant to his responsibility, hereby directs that every effort be expended to facilitate the maximum expedited service to
§ 503.11 Materials to be published.

The Commission shall separately state and concurrently publish the following materials in the Federal Register for the guidance of the public:

(a) Descriptions of its central and field organization and the established places at which the officers from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may secure information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions.

(b) Statements of the general course and method by which its functions are channeled and determined, including the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures available.

(c) Rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places at which forms may be obtained, and instructions as to the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations.

(d) Substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the agency.

(e) Every amendment, revision, or repeal of the foregoing.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23547, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.12 Effect of nonpublication.

Except to the extent that a person has actual and timely notice of the terms thereof, no person shall in any manner be required to resort to, or be adversely affected by any matter required to be published in the Federal Register and not so published.

§ 503.13 Incorporation by reference.

For purposes of this subpart, matter which is reasonably available to the class of persons affected hereby shall be deemed published in the Federal Register when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Office of the Federal Register.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47394, Dec. 4, 1984]

Subpart C—Records, Information and Materials Generally Available to the Public Without Resort to Freedom of Information Act Procedures

§ 503.21 Mandatory public records.

(a) The Commission, as required by the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, shall make the following materials available for public inspection and copying:

(1) Final opinions (including concurring and dissenting opinions) and all orders made in the adjudication of cases.

(2) Those statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the Commission.

(3) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect any member of the public.

(4) Copies of all records, regardless of form or format, which have been released to any person pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request, and which the Secretary determines have become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records, and a general index of such records.

(b) To prevent unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, the Secretary may delete identifying details when it makes available or publishes an opinion, statement of policy, interpretation, staff manual, instruction, or copies of records referred to in paragraph (a)(4) of this section. In each case, the justification for the deletion shall be explained fully in writing, and the extent of such deletion shall be indicated on that portion of the record which is made available or published, unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by an exemption in §503.33 under which the deletion is made. If technically feasible, the extent of the deletion shall be indicated...
§ 503.23 Records available upon written request.

(a) The following Commission records are generally available for inspection and copying, without resort to Freedom of Information Act procedures, upon request in writing addressed to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573:

(1) Agreements filed and in effect pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

(2) Agreements filed under section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984 which have been noticed in the Federal Register.

(3) Tariff data filed in the Commission’s ATFI system prior to May 1, 1999.

(4) List of licensed ocean freight forwarders.

(b) Certain fees may be assessed for duplication of records made available by this section as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

§ 503.24 Information available via the internet.

(a) The Commission maintains an internet web site. The Commission home page may be found at http://www.fmc.gov.

(b) The following general information, records, and resources are accessible through the home page:

1. General descriptions of the functions, bureaus, and offices of the Commission, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for Commission officials, as well as locations of Area Representatives;
2. Information about filing complaints;
3. Commonly used forms;
4. A public information handbook describing the types of information available from the Commission and how to access such information;
5. A Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room which contains:
   (i) Copies of final decisions in adjudicatory proceedings issued since November 1, 1996;
   (ii) Recently issued final rules and pending proposed rules;
   (iii) Access to statements of policy and interpretations as published in part 545 of this chapter; and
   (iv) Records created by the Commission since November 1, 1996, and made available under § 503.21, paragraph (a)(4);
6. Commission regulations as codified in Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
7. News releases issued by the Commission;
8. Statements and remarks from the Chairman and Commissioners;
9. A connection to the Government Information Locator Service maintained by the Government Printing Office, which identifies Commission databases; and
10. Privacy Act information;
11. Lists of the location of all common carrier and conference tariffs and publicly available terminal schedules of marine terminal operators; and
12. A list of licensed ocean transportation intermediaries which have furnished the Commission with evidence of financial responsibility.

(c) Comments or questions regarding the home page should be addressed via e-mail to webmaster@fmc.gov.


Subpart D—Requests for Records Under the Freedom of Information

SOURCE: 63 FR 53310, Oct. 5, 1998, unless otherwise noted.

§ 503.31 Records available upon written request under the Freedom of Information Act.

(a) A member of the public may request permission to inspect, copy or be provided with any Commission records not described in subpart C of this part. Such a request must:
1. Reasonably describe the record or records sought;
2. Be submitted in writing to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573; and
3. Be clearly marked on the exterior with the letters “FOIA”.

(b) The Secretary shall evaluate each request in conjunction with the official having responsibility for the subject matter area and the General Counsel, and the Secretary shall determine whether or not to grant the request in accordance with the provisions of this subpart.

(c) In making any record available to a person under this subpart, the Secretary shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the Secretary in that form or format.

(d) Certain fees may be assessed for processing of requests under this subpart as prescribed in subpart E of this part.

§ 503.32 Procedures for responding to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

(a) Determination to grant or deny request. Upon request by any member of the public for documents, made in accordance with the rules of this part, the Commission’s Secretary or his or her delegate in his or her absence, shall determine whether or not such request shall be granted.

1. Such determination shall be made by the Secretary within twenty (20)
days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays) after receipt of such request, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Upon granting a request the Secretary shall promptly make records available to the requestor. Upon denial of such a request the Secretary shall promptly notify the requestor of the determination, explain the reason for denial, give an estimate of the volume of matter denied, set forth the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial of the request, and notify the party of its right to appeal that determination to the Chairman.

(3)(i) Any party whose request for documents or other information pursuant to this part has been denied in whole or in part by the Secretary may appeal such determination. Any such appeal must:
(A) Be addressed to: Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573-0001; and
(B) Be filed not later than ten (10) working days following receipt of notice of denial or receipt of a part of the records requested.

(ii) The Chairman or the Chairman’s specific delegate in his or her absence, shall make a determination with respect to that appeal within twenty (20) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays) after receipt of such appeal, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section.
(iii) If, on appeal, the denial is upheld, either in whole or in part, the Chairman shall so notify the party submitting the appeal and shall notify such person of the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4) regarding judicial review of such determination upholding the denial. Notification shall also include the statement that the determination is that of the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission and the name of the Chairman.

(b) Extension of time limits. (1) In unusual circumstances, as defined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the time limits prescribed with respect to initial actions in response to a FOIA request or actions on appeal may be extended by written notice from the Secretary of the Commission to the person making such request, setting forth the reasons for such extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched. No such notice shall specify a date that would result in an extension for more than ten (10) working days, except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.
(2) As used in this paragraph, unusual circumstances means, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to the proper processing of the particular request:
(i) The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request;
(ii) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or
(iii) The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

(3) If the time limit is extended as prescribed under this section, and the request cannot be processed within the extended time limit, the Secretary shall notify the requestor, and either provide the requestor with an opportunity to limit the scope of the request so that it may be processed within the time limit, or provide the requestor an opportunity to arrange with the Secretary an alternative time frame for processing the request or a modified request.

(c) Aggregation of requests. Certain requests by the same requestor, or by a group of requestors acting in concert, may be aggregated:
(1) Upon the Secretary’s reasonable belief that such requests actually constitute a single request, which if not aggregated would satisfy the unusual circumstances specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section; and
(2) If the requests involve clearly related matters.

(d) Multitrack processing of requests. The Secretary may provide for multitrack processing of requests based on
§ 503.33 Exceptions to availability of records.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the following records may be withheld from disclosure:

(1) Records specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and which are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. Records to which this provision applies shall be deemed by the Commission to have been properly classified. This exception may apply to records in the custody of the Commission which have been transmitted to the Commission by another agency which has designated the record as nonpublic under an Executive order.

(2) Records related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Commission.

(3) Records specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, provided that such statute:

(i) Requires that the matter be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or

(ii) Establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld.

(4) Trade secrets and commercial financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

(5) Inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the Commission.

(6) Personnel and medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(7) Records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information:

(i) Could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings;

(ii) Would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication;

(iii) Could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(iv) Could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source;

the amount of time or work involved in processing requests.

(e) Expedited processing of requests. (1) The Secretary will provide for expedited processing of requests for records when:

(i) The person requesting the records can demonstrate a compelling need; or

(ii) In other cases, in the Secretary’s discretion.

(2) The term compelling need means:

(i) A failure to obtain requested records on an expedited basis under this paragraph could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual; or

(ii) With respect to a request made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information, urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity.

(3) A demonstration of compelling need by a person making a request for expedited processing must be made in the form of a statement describing the circumstances and certified by such person to be true and correct to the best of such person’s knowledge and belief.

(4) The Secretary shall determine whether to provide expedited processing, and provide notice of the determination to the person making the request, within ten (10) working days after the date of the request.

(5) Appeal of the determination not to provide expedited processing should be sought in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(3)(i) of § 503.32, and will be considered expeditiously.

(6) Any request granted expedited processing shall be processed as soon as practicable.
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Pursuant to policies established by Congress, the Government’s costs for services provided to identifiable persons are to be recovered by the payment of fees (Independent Offices Appropriations Act, 31 U.S.C. 9701, and Freedom of Information Reform Act of 1986, October 27, 1986, 5 U.S.C. 552). Except as otherwise noted, it is the general policy of the Commission not to waive or reduce service and filing fees contained in this chapter. In extraordinary situations, the Commission will

§ 503.41 Policy and services available.

Pursuant to policies established by Congress, the Government’s costs for services provided to identifiable persons are to be recovered by the payment of fees (Independent Offices Appropriations Act, 31 U.S.C. 9701, and Freedom of Information Reform Act of 1986, October 27, 1986, 5 U.S.C. 552). Except as otherwise noted, it is the general policy of the Commission not to waive or reduce service and filing fees contained in this chapter. In extraordinary situations, the Commission will

(v) Would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or

(vi) Could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

(b) Nothing in this section authorizes withholding of information or limiting the availability of records to the public except as specifically stated in this part, nor shall this part be authority to withhold information from Congress.

(c) Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt under this part. The amount of information deleted shall be indicated on the released portion of the record, unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by the exemption in this section under which the deletion is made. If technically feasible, the amount of the information deleted shall be indicated at the place in the record where such deletion is made.

(d) Whenever a request is made which involves access to records described in paragraph (a)(7)(i) of this section and the investigation or proceeding involves a possible violation of criminal law, and there is reason to believe that the subject of the investigation or proceeding is not aware of its pendency, and disclosure of the existence of the records could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, the Commission may, during only such time as that circumstance continues, treat the records as not subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552 and this subpart.

§ 503.34 Annual report of public information request activity.

(a) On or before February 1 of each year, the Commission shall submit to the Attorney General of the United States, as required by the Attorney General, a report which shall cover the preceding fiscal year and which shall include:

(1) The number of determinations made not to comply with requests for records made to the Commission under this Subpart and the reasons for each such determination;

(2)(i) The number of appeals made by persons under §503.32, the result of such appeals, and the reason for the action upon each appeal that results in a denial of information; and

(ii) A complete list of all statutes relied upon to authorize withholding of information under §503.33(a)(3), a description of whether a court has upheld the Commission’s decision to withhold information under each such statute, and a concise description of the scope of any information withheld;

(3) The number of requests for records pending before the Commission as of September 30 of the preceding year, and the median number of days that such requests had been pending as of that date;

(4) The number of requests for records received by the Commission and the number of requests which the Commission processed;

(5) The median number of days taken to process different types of requests;

(6) The total amount of fees collected for processing requests; and

(7) The number of full-time staff devoted to processing requests for records under this section, and total amount expended for processing such requests.

(b) Each such report shall be made available to the public at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573 and on the Commission’s web site (www.fmc.gov).

Subpart E—Fees

§ 503.41 Policy and services available.

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§ 503.42 Payment of fees and charges.

The fees charged for special services may be paid through the mail by check, draft, or postal money order, payable to the Federal Maritime Commission, except for charges for transcripts of hearings. Transcripts of hearings, testimony and oral argument are furnished by a nongovernmental contractor, and may be purchased directly from the reporting firm.

§ 503.43 Fees for services.

(a) Definitions. The following definitions apply to the terms when used in this subpart:

(1) Search means all time spent looking for material that is responsive to a request, including page-by-page or line-by-line identification of material within documents. Search for material will be done in the most efficient and least expensive manner so as to minimize costs for both the agency and the requester. Search is distinguished, moreover, from review of material in order to determine whether the material is exempt from disclosure. Searches may be done manually or by computer using existing programming.

(2) Duplication means the process of making a copy of a document necessary to respond to a Freedom of Information Act or other request. Such copies can take the form of paper or machine readable documentation (e.g., magnetic tape or disk), among others.

(3) Review means the process of examining documents located in response to a commercial use request to determine whether any portion of any document located is permitted to be withheld. It also includes processing any documents for disclosure, e.g., doing all that is necessary to excise them and otherwise prepare them for release. Review does not include time spent resolving general legal or policy issues regarding the application of exemptions.

(4) Commercial use request means a request from or on behalf of one who seeks information for a use or purpose that furthers the commercial, trade, or profit interests of the requester or the person on whose behalf the request is made. In determining whether a requester properly belongs in this category, the agency must determine the use to which a requester will put the documents requested. Where the agency has reasonable cause to doubt the use to which a requester will put the records sought, or where that use is not clear from the request itself, the agency will seek additional clarification before assigning the request to a specific category.

(5) Educational institution means a preschool, a public or private elementary or secondary school, an institution of graduate higher education, an institution of undergraduate higher education, an institution of professional education, and an institution of vocational education, which operates a program or programs of scholarly research.

(6) Non-commercial scientific institution means an institution that is not operated on a commercial basis as that term...
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is referenced in paragraph (a)(4) of this section, and which is operated solely for the purpose of conducting scientific research the results of which are not intended to promote any particular product or industry.

(7) Representative of the news media means any person actively gathering news for an entity that is organized and operated to publish or broadcast news to the public. The term news means information that is about current events or that would be of current interest to the public. Examples of news media entities include television or radio stations broadcasting to the public at large, and publishers of periodicals (but only in those instances when they can qualify as disseminators of news) who make their products available for purchase or subscription by the general public. These examples are not intended to be all-inclusive. As traditional methods of news delivery evolve (e.g., electronic dissemination of newspapers through telecommunications services), such alternative media would be included in this category. Freelance journalists, may be regarded as working for a news organization if they can demonstrate a solid basis for expecting publication through that organization, even though not actually employed by it. A publication contract would be the clearest proof, but the agency may also look to the past publication record of a requester in making this determination.

(8) Direct costs means those expenditures which the agency actually incurs in searching for and duplicating (and in the case of commercial requester, reviewing) documents to respond to a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request. Direct costs include, for example, the salary of the employee performing the work (the basic rate of pay for the employee plus 17.5 percent of that rate to cover benefits) and the cost of operating duplicating machinery. Not included in direct costs are overhead expenses such as costs of space, and heating or lighting the facility in which the records are stored.

(b) General. (1) The basic fees set forth in paragraph (c) of this section provide for documents to be mailed with postage prepaid. If copy is to be transmitted by registered, certified, air, or special delivery mail, postage therefor will be added to the basic fee. Also, if special handling or packaging is required, costs thereof will be added to the basic fee.

(2) The fees for search, duplication and review set forth in paragraph (c) of this section reflect the full allowable direct costs expected to be incurred by the agency for the service. Costs of search and review may be assessed even if it is determined that disclosure of the records is to be withheld. Cost of search may be assessed even if the agency fails to locate the records. Requesters must reasonably describe the records sought. The following restrictions, limitations and guidelines apply to the assessment of such fees:

(i) For commercial use requesters, charges recovering full direct costs for search, review and duplication of records will be assessed.

(ii) For educational and non-commercial scientific institution requesters, no charge will be assessed for search or review of records. Charges recovering full direct costs for duplication of records will be assessed, excluding charges for the first 100 pages. To be eligible for inclusion in this category, requesters must show that the request is being made under the auspices of a qualifying institution and that the records are not sought for a commercial use, but are sought in furtherance of scholarly (if the request is from an educational institution) or scientific (if the request is from a non-commercial scientific institution) research.

(iii) For representative of the news media requesters, no charge will be assessed for search or review of records. Charges recovering full direct costs for duplication of records will be assessed, excluding charges for the first 100 pages.

(iv) For all other requesters, no charge will be assessed for review of records. Charges recovering full direct costs for search and duplication of records will be assessed excluding charges for the first 100 pages of duplication and the first two hours of search time. Requests from individuals for records about themselves, filed in a Commission system of records, will be treated under the fee provisions of the
Privacy Act of 1984 which permit fees only for duplication.

(v) No fee may be charged for search, review or duplication if the costs of routine collection and processing of the fee are likely to exceed the amount of the fee.

(vi) Documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a reduced charge if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. In determining whether a waiver or reduction of charges is appropriate the following factors will be taken into consideration.

(A) The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns the operations or activities of the government;

(B) The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations or activities;

(C) The contribution to an understanding of the subject by the general public likely to result from disclosure: Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to public understanding;

(D) The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities;

(E) The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and, if so

(F) The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

(vii) Whenever it is anticipated that fees chargeable under this section will exceed $25.00 and the requester has not indicated in advance a willingness to pay fees as high as anticipated, the requester will be notified of the amount of the anticipated fee. In such cases the requester will be given an opportunity to confer with Commission personnel with the object of reformulating the request to meet the needs of the requester at a lower cost.

(viii) Interest may be charged record requesters who fail to pay fees assessed. Assessment of interest may begin on the amount billed starting on the 31st day following the day on which the billing was sent. Interest will be at the rate prescribed in section 3717 of title 31 U.S.C., and will accrue from the date of the billings. Receipt of payment by the agency will stay the accrual of interest.

(ix) Whenever it reasonably appears that a requester of records or a group of requesters is attempting to break a request down into a series of requests for the purpose of evading the assessment of fees, such requests will be aggregated and fees assessed accordingly. Multiple requests on unrelated subjects will not be aggregated.

(x) The agency may require a requester to make advance payment only when:

(A) A requester has previously failed to pay a fee charged in a timely fashion (i.e., within 30 days of the date of the billing), in which case the requester will be required to pay the full amount owed plus any applicable interest as provided above, and to make an advance payment of the full amount of the estimated fee before the agency begins to process a new request or a pending request from that requester; or

(B) The agency estimates or determines that allowable charges that a requester may be required to pay are likely to exceed $250, in which case, the agency will notify the requester of the likely cost and obtain satisfactory assurance of full payment where the requester has a history of prompt payment of FOIA fees, or will require an advance payment of an amount up to the full estimated charges in the case of requesters with no history of payment.

(xi) Unless applicable fees are paid, the agency may use the authorities of the Debt Collection Act (Pub. L. 97-365), including disclosure to consumer.
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§ 503.51 Definitions.

(a) Access means the ability or opportunity to gain knowledge of classified information.
(b) Classification means the act or process by which information is determined to be classified information.
(c) Classification guide means a documentary form of instruction or source that prescribes the classification of specific information issued by an original classification authority that identifies the elements of information regarding a specific subject that must be classified and establishes the level and duration of classification for each such element.
(d) Classified national security information (hereafter "classified information") means information that has been determined pursuant to Executive Order 12958 or any predecessor order in force to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form.
(e) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.
(f) Declassification means the authorized change in the status of information from classified information to unclassified information.
(g) Derivative classification means the incorporating, paraphrasing, restating or generating in new form information that is already classified, and marking the newly developed material consistent with the classification markings that apply to the source information. Derivative classification includes...
the classification of information based on classification guidance. The duplication or reproduction of existing classified information is not derivative classification.

(h) Downgrading means a determination by a declassification authority that information classified and safeguarded at a specified level shall be classified and safeguarded at a lower level.

(i) Foreign government information means:

(1) Information provided to the United States Government by a foreign government or governments, an international organization of governments, or any element thereof, with the expectation that the information, the source of the information, or both, are to be held in confidence;

(2) Information produced by the United States pursuant to or as a result of a joint arrangement with a foreign government or governments, or an international organization of governments, or any element thereof, requiring that the information, the arrangement, or both, are to be held in confidence; or

(3) Information received and treated as "Foreign Government Information" under the terms of Executive Order 12958 or any predecessor order.

(j) Mandatory declassification review means the review for declassification of classified information in response to a request for declassification that meets the requirements under section 3.6 of Executive Order 12958.

(k) Multiple sources means two or more source documents, classification guides, or a combination of both.

(l) National security means the national defense or foreign relations of the United States.

(m) Need to know means a determination made by an authorized holder of classified information that a prospective recipient requires access to specific classified information in order to perform or assist in a lawful and authorized governmental function.

(o) Original classification means an initial determination that information requires, in the interest of national security, protection against unauthorized disclosure.

(p) Self-inspection means the internal review and evaluation of individual Commission activities and the Commission as a whole with respect to the implementation of the program established under Executive Order 12958 and its implementing directives.

(q) Senior agency official means the official designated by the Chairman under section 5.6 of Executive Order 12958 to direct and administer the Commission’s program under which classified information is safeguarded.

(r) Source document means an existing document that contains classified information that is incorporated, paraphrased, restated, or generated in new form into a new document.

(s) Unauthorized disclosure means a communication or physical transfer of classified information to an unauthorized recipient.

[64 FR 23547, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.52 Senior agency official.

The Chairman of the Commission shall designate a senior agency official to be the Security Officer for the Commission, who shall be responsible for directing, administering and reporting on the Commission’s information security program, which includes oversight (self-inspection) and security information programs to ensure effective implementation of Executive Orders 12958 and 12968, and 32 CFR part 2001.

[64 FR 23547, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.53 Oversight Committee.

An Oversight Committee is established, under the chairmanship of the Security Officer with the following responsibilities:

(a) Establish a Commission security education program to familiarize all personnel who have or may have access to classified information with the provisions of Executive Order 12958 and directives of the Information Security
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Oversight Office. The program shall include initial, refresher, and termination briefings;

(b) Establish controls to ensure that classified information is used, processed, stored, reproduced, and transmitted only under conditions that will provide adequate protection and prevent access by unauthorized persons;

(c) Act on all suggestions and complaints concerning the Commission’s information security program;

(d) Recommend appropriate administrative action to correct abuse or violations of any provision of Executive Order 12958 and

(e) Consider and decide other questions concerning classification and declassification that may be brought before it.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23548, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.54 Original classification.

(a) No Commission Member or employee has the authority to originally classify information.

(b) If a Commission Member or employee develops information that appears to require classification, or receives any foreign government information as defined in section 1.1(d) of Executive Order 12958, the Member or employee shall immediately notify the Security Officer and appropriately protect the information.

(c) If the Security Officer believes the information warrants classification, it shall be sent to the appropriate agency with original classification authority over the subject matter, or to the Information Security Oversight Office, for review and a classification determination.

(d) If there is reasonable doubt about the need to classify information, it shall be safeguarded as if it were classified pending a determination by an original classification authority. If there is reasonable doubt about the appropriate level of classification, it shall be safeguarded at the higher level of classification pending a determination by an original classification authority.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23548, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.55 Derivative classification.

(a) In accordance with Part 2 of Executive Order 12958 and directives of the Information Security Oversight Office, the incorporation, paraphrasing, restating or generation in new form of information that is already classified, and the marking of newly developed material consistent with the classification markings that apply to the source information, is derivative classification.

(1) Derivative classification includes the classification of information based on classification guidance.

(2) The duplication or reproduction of existing classified information is not derivative classification.

(b) Members or employees applying derivative classification markings shall:

(1) Observe and respect original classification decisions; and

(2) Carry forward to any newly created documents the pertinent classification markings.

(3) For information derivatively classified based on multiple sources, the Member or employee shall carry forward:

(i) The date or event for declassification that corresponds to the longest period of classification among the sources; and

(ii) A listing of these sources on or attached to the official file or record copy.


[64 FR 23548, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.56 General declassification and downgrading policy.

(a) The Commission exercises declassification and downgrading authority in accordance with section 3.1 of Executive Order 12958, only over that information originally classified by the Commission under previous Executive orders. Declassification and downgrading authority may be exercised by the Commission Chairman and the Commission Security Officer, and such others as the Chairman may designate.
§ 503.57 Mandatory review for declassification.
(a) Information originally classified by the Commission but which has not been automatically declassified shall be subject to a review for declassification by the Commission, if:
(1) A declassification request is made; and
(2) A request describes the documents or material containing the information with sufficient specificity to enable the Commission to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort. Requests with insufficient description of the material will be returned to the requester for further information.
(b) Requests for mandatory declassification reviews of documents originally classified by the Commission shall be in writing, and shall be sent to the Security Officer, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.
(c) If the request requires the provision of services by the Commission, fair and equitable fees may be charged pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701.
(d) Requests for mandatory declassification reviews shall be acknowledged by the Commission within 15 days of the date of receipt of such requests.
(e) If the information was originally classified by the Commission, the Commission Security Officer shall forward the request to the Chairman of the Commission for a determination of declassification. If the information was originated by another agency, the Commission Security Officer shall refer the review and the pertinent records to the originating agency. The final determination will be issued within 180 days of the receipt of the request.
(f) If the document was derivatively classified by the Commission or originally classified by another agency, the request, the document, and a recommendation for action shall be forwarded to the agency with the original classification authority. The Commission may, after consultation with the originating agency, inform the requester of the referral.
(g) If a document is declassified in its entirety, it may be released to the requester, unless withholding is otherwise warranted under applicable law. If a document or any part of it is not declassified, the Security Officer shall furnish the declassified portions to the requester unless withholding is otherwise warranted under applicable law, along with a brief statement concerning the reasons for the denial of the remainder, and the right to appeal that decision to the Commission within 60 days.
(h) If a declassification determination cannot be made within 45 days, the requester shall be advised that additional time is needed to process the request. Final determination shall be made within one year from the date of receipt unless there are unusual circumstances.
(i) In response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act of 1974, or other mandatory review provisions of Executive Order 12958, the Commission shall refuse to confirm or deny the existence or non-existence of requested information whenever the fact of its existence or non-existence is itself classifiable under Executive Order 12958.
(j) When a request has been submitted both under mandatory review and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the requester must elect one process or the other. If the requester fails to so elect, the request will be treated as a FOIA request unless the requested materials are subject only to mandatory review.

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§ 503.58 Appeals of denials of mandatory declassification review requests.

(a) Within 60 days after the receipt of denial of a request for mandatory declassification review, the requester may submit an appeal in writing to the Commission through the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. The appeal shall:

(1) Identify the document in the same manner in which it was identified in the original request;
(2) Indicate the dates of the request and denial, and the expressed basis for the denial; and
(3) State briefly why the document should be declassified.

(b) The Commission shall rule on the appeal within 30 days of receiving it. If additional time is required to make a determination, the Commission shall notify the requester of the additional time needed and provide the requester with the reason for the extension. The Commission shall notify the requester in writing of the final determination and the reasons for any denial.

c) Classified information being transmitted from one Commission office to another shall be protected with a classified document cover sheet and hand delivered by an appropriately cleared person to another appropriately cleared person.

d) Classified information shall be made available to a recipient only when the authorized holder of the classified information has determined that:

(1) The prospective recipient has a valid security clearance at least commensurate with the level of classification of the information; and
(2) The prospective recipient requires access to the information in order to perform or assist in a lawful and authorized governmental function.

e) The requirement in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, that access to classified information may be granted only to individuals who have a need-to-know the information, may be waived for persons who:

(1) Are engaged in historical research projects, or
(2) Previously have occupied policymaking positions to which they were appointed by the President.

f) Waivers under paragraph (e) of this section may be granted when the Commission Security Officer:

(1) Determines in writing that access is consistent with the interest of national security;
(2) Takes appropriate steps to protect classified information from unauthorized disclosure or compromise, and ensures that the information is properly safeguarded; and
(3) Limits the access granted to former presidential appointees to items that the person originated, reviewed, signed, or received while serving as a presidential appointee.

(g) Persons seeking access to classified information in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section must agree in writing:

(1) To be subject to a national security check;
(2) To protect the classified information in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12958, and
(3) Not to publish or otherwise reveal to unauthorized persons any classified information.

§ 503.59 Safeguarding classified information.

(a) All classified information shall be afforded a level of protection against unauthorized disclosure commensurate with its level of classification.

(b) Whenever classified material is removed from a storage facility, such material shall not be left unattended and shall be protected by attaching an appropriate classified document cover sheet to each classified document.

(c) Classified information being transmitted from one Commission office to another shall be protected with a classified document cover sheet and hand delivered by an appropriately cleared person to another appropriately cleared person.

(d) Classified information shall be made available to a recipient only when the authorized holder of the classified information has determined that:

(1) The prospective recipient has a valid security clearance at least commensurate with the level of classification of the information; and
(2) The prospective recipient requires access to the information in order to perform or assist in a lawful and authorized governmental function.

e) The requirement in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, that access to classified information may be granted only to individuals who have a need-to-know the information, may be waived for persons who:

(1) Are engaged in historical research projects, or
(2) Previously have occupied policymaking positions to which they were appointed by the President.

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(1) Determines in writing that access is consistent with the interest of national security;
(2) Takes appropriate steps to protect classified information from unauthorized disclosure or compromise, and ensures that the information is properly safeguarded; and
(3) Limits the access granted to former presidential appointees to items that the person originated, reviewed, signed, or received while serving as a presidential appointee.

(g) Persons seeking access to classified information in accordance with paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section must agree in writing:

(1) To be subject to a national security check;
(2) To protect the classified information in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12958, and
(3) Not to publish or otherwise reveal to unauthorized persons any classified information.
(h) Except as authorized by the originating agency, or otherwise provided for by directives issued by the President, the Commission shall not disclose information originally classified by another agency.

(i) Only appropriately cleared personnel may receive, transmit, and maintain current access and accountability records for classified material.

(j) Each office which has custody of classified material shall maintain:

1. A classified document register or log containing a listing of all classified holdings, and

2. A classified document destruction register or log containing the title and date of all classified documents that have been destroyed.

(k) An inventory of all documents classified higher than confidential shall be made at least annually and whenever there is a change in classified document custodians. The Commission Security Officer shall be notified, in writing, of the results of each inventory.

(l) Reproduced copies of classified documents are subject to the same accountability and controls as the original documents.

(m) Combinations to dial-type locks shall be changed only by persons having an appropriate security clearance, and shall be changed whenever such equipment is placed in use; whenever a person knowing the combination no longer requires access to the combination; whenever a combination has been subject to possible compromise; whenever the equipment is taken out of service; and at least once each year. Records of combinations shall be classified no lower than the highest level of classified information to be stored in the security equipment concerned. One copy of the record of each combination shall be provided to the Commission Security Officer.

(n) Individuals charged with the custody of classified information shall conduct the necessary inspections within their areas to insure adherence to procedural safeguards prescribed to protect classified information. The Commission Security Officer shall conduct periodic inspections to determine if the procedural safeguards prescribed in this subpart are in effect at all times.

(o) Whenever classified material is to be transmitted outside the Commission, the custodian of the classified material shall contact the Commission Security Officer for preparation and receipting instructions. If the material is to be hand carried, the Security Officer shall ensure that the person who will carry the material has the appropriate security clearance, is knowledgeable of safeguarding requirements, and is briefed, if appropriate, concerning restrictions with respect to carrying classified material on commercial carriers.

(p) Any person having access to and possession of classified information is responsible for protecting it from persons not authorized access to it, to include securing it in approved equipment or facilities, whenever it is not under the direct supervision of authorized persons.

(q) Employees of the Commission shall be subject to appropriate sanctions, which may include reprimand, suspension without pay, removal, termination of classification authority, loss or denial of access to classified information, or other sanctions in accordance with applicable law and agency regulation, if they:

1. Knowingly, willfully, or negligently disclose to unauthorized persons information properly classified under Executive Order 12958 or predecessor orders in force;

2. Knowingly and willfully classify or continue the classification of information in violation of Executive Order 12958 or any implementing directive; or

3. Knowingly and willfully violate any other provision of Executive Order 12958 or implementing directive.

(r) Any person who discovers or believes that a classified document is lost or compromised shall immediately report the circumstances to his or her supervisor and the Commission Security Officer, who shall conduct an immediate inquiry into the matter.

(s) Questions with respect to the Commission Information Security Program, particularly those concerning the classification, declassification,
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Conditions of disclosure.

(a) Subject to the conditions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Commission shall not disclose any record which is contained in a system of records, by any means of communication, to any person or other agency who is not an individual to whom the record pertains.

(b) Upon written request or with prior written consent of the individual to whom the record pertains, the Commission may disclose any such record to any person or other agency.

(c) In the absence of a written consent from the individual to whom the record pertains, the Commission may disclose any such record, provided such disclosure is:

1. To those officers and employees of the Commission who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties;

2. Required under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C 552);

3. For a routine use;

4. To the Bureau of Census for purposes of planning or carrying out a census or survey or related activity under the provisions of title 13 U.S.C.;

5. To a recipient who has provided the Commission with adequate advance written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record, and the record is to be transferred in a form that is not individually identifiable;

6. To the National Archives of the United States, as a record which has sufficient historical or other value to warrant its continued preservation by the United States government, or for evaluation by the Administrator of...
General Services or his designee to determine whether the record has such value; —

(7) To another agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity authorized by law, provided the head of the agency or instrumentality has made a prior written request to the Secretary of the Commission specifying the particular record and the law enforcement activity for which it is sought;

(8) To either House of Congress, and to the extent of a matter within its jurisdiction, any committee, subcommittee, or joint committee of Congress;

(9) To the Comptroller General, or any authorized representative, thereof, in the course of the performance of the duties of the GAO; or

(10) Under an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

§ 503.62 Accounting of disclosures.
(a) The Secretary shall make an accounting of each disclosure of any record contained in a system of records in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(1) and 552a(c)(2).

(b) Except for a disclosure made under §503.61(c)(7), the Secretary shall make the accounting described in paragraph (a) of this section available to any individual upon written request made in accordance with §503.63(b) or §503.63(c).

(c) The Secretary shall make reasonable efforts to notify the individual when any record which pertains to such individual is disclosed to any person under compulsory legal process, when such process becomes a matter of public record.

§ 503.63 Request for information.
(a) Upon request, in person or by mail, made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) of this section, any individual shall be informed whether or not any Commission system of records contains a record pertaining to him or her.

(b) Any individual requesting such information in person shall personally appear at the Office of the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20573 and shall:

1. Provide information sufficient, in the opinion of the Secretary, to identify the record, e.g., the individual’s own name, date of birth, place of birth, etc.;

2. Provide identification acceptable to the Secretary to verify the individual’s identity, e.g., driver’s license, employee identification card or medicare card;

3. Complete and sign the appropriate form provided by the Secretary.

(c) Any individual requesting such information by mail shall address such request to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20573 and shall include in such request the following:

1. Information sufficient in the opinion of the Secretary to identify the record, e.g., the individual’s own name, date of birth, place of birth, etc.;

2. A signed notarized statement to verify his or her identity.

§ 503.64 Commission procedure on request for information.

Upon request for information made in accordance with §503.63, the Secretary or his or her delegate shall, within 10 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays), furnish in writing to the requesting party notice of the existence or nonexistence of any records described in such request.

§ 503.65 Request for access to records.
(a) General. Upon request by any individual made in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, such individual shall be granted access to any record pertaining to him or her which is contained in a Commission system of records. However, nothing in this section shall allow an individual access to any information compiled by the Commission in reasonable anticipation of a civil or criminal action or proceeding.
§ 503.66 Amendment of a record.

(a) General. Any individual may request amendment of a record pertaining to him or her according to the procedure in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Procedures for requesting amendment of a record. After inspection of a record pertaining to him or her, an individual may file with the Secretary a request, in person or by mail, for amendment of a record. Such request shall specify the particular portions of the record to be amended, the desired amendments and the reasons therefor.

(c) Commission procedures on request for amendment of a record. (1) Not later than ten (10) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after the date of receipt of a request made in accordance with this section to amend a record in whole or in part, the Secretary or his or her delegate shall:

(i) Make such determination and provide notification within 10 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) after receipt of such request, and, if such request is granted shall:

(ii) Notify the individual that fees for reproducing copies will be made in accordance with § 503.69.

(2) If access to a record is denied because such information has been compiled by the Commission in reasonable anticipation of a civil or criminal action or proceeding, or for any other reason, the Secretary shall notify the individual of such determination and his or her right to judicial appeal under 5 U.S.C. 552a(g).

(d) Manner of providing access. (1) If access is granted, the individual making such request shall notify the Secretary whether the records requested are to be copied and mailed to the individual.

(2) If records are to be made available for personal inspection, the individual shall arrange with the Secretary a mutually agreeable time and place for inspection of the record.

(3) Fees for reproducing and mailing copies of records will be made in accordance with § 503.69.

§ 503.67 Appeals from denial of request for amendment of a record.

(a) General. An individual whose request for amendment of a record pertaining to him or her is denied, may further request a review of such determination in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Procedure for appeal. Not later than thirty (30) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) following notice of refusal to amend, an individual may file an appeal to amend the record. Such appeal shall:

(1) Be addressed to the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20573; and

(2) Specify the reasons for which the refusal to amend is challenged.

(c) Commission procedure on appeal. (1) Upon appeal from a denial to amend a record, the Chairman of the Commission or the officer designated by the Chairman to act in his or her absence, shall make a determination whether or not to amend the record and shall notify the individual of that determination by certified mail, return receipt requested, not later than thirty (30) days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal public holidays) after receipt of such appeal, unless extended pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) The Chairman shall also notify the individual of the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(g)(1)(A) regarding judicial review of the Chairman's determination.

(3) If, on appeal, the refusal to amend the record is upheld, the Commission shall permit the individual to file a statement setting forth the reasons for disagreement with the Commission's determination.

(d) The Chairman, or his or her delegate in his or her absence, may extend up to thirty (30) days the time period prescribed in paragraph (c)(1) of this section within which to make a determination on an appeal from refusal to amend a record for the reasons that a fair and equitable review cannot be completed within the prescribed time period.

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§ 503.68 Exemptions.

(a) The system of records designated FMC-25 Inspector General File is exempt from the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a except subsections (b), (c)(1) and (2), (e)(4)A through F, (e)(6), (7), (9), (10), and (11) and (i) to the extent it contains information meeting the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws. Exemption is appropriate to avoid compromise of ongoing investigations, disclosure of the identity of confidential sources and unwarranted invasions of personal privacy of third parties.

(b) The following systems of records are exempt from the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(1), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)G, (H) and (I) and (f), which otherwise require the Commission, among other things, to provide the individual named in the records an accounting of disclosures and access to and opportunity to amend the records. The scope of the exemptions and the reasons therefor are described for each particular system of records.

(1) FMC-1 Personnel Security File. All information about individuals that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), regarding suitability, eligibility or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Commission under a promise of confidentiality. Exemption is required to honor promises of confidentiality.

(2) FMC-7 Licensed Ocean Freight Forwarders File. All information that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2)
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regarding investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes.Exemption is appropriate to avoid compromise of ongoing investigations, disclosure of the identity of confidential sources and unwarranted invasions of personal privacy of third parties.

(3) FMC-22 Investigatory Files. All information that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) regarding investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes. Exemption is appropriate to avoid compromise of ongoing investigations, disclosure of the identity of confidential sources and unwarranted invasions of personal privacy of third parties.

(4) FMC-24 Informal Inquiries and Complaint Files. All information that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) regarding investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes. Exemption is appropriate to avoid compromise of ongoing investigations, disclosure of the identity of confidential sources and unwarranted invasions of personal privacy of third parties.

(5) FMC-25 Inspector General File. (i) All information that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) regarding investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes. Exemption is appropriate to avoid compromise of ongoing investigations, disclosure of the identity of confidential sources and unwarranted invasions of personal privacy of third parties.

(ii) All information about individuals that meets the criteria of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), regarding suitability, eligibility or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Commission under a promise of confidentiality. Exemption is required to honor promises of confidentiality.

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§ 503.69 Fees.

(a) General. The following Commission services are available, with respect to requests made under the provisions of this subpart, for which fees will be charged as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section:

(1) Copying records/documents.

(2) Certification of documents.

(b) Fees for services. The fees set forth below provide for documents to be mailed with ordinary first-class postage prepaid. If a copy is to be transmitted by registered, certified, air, or special delivery mail, postage therefor will be added to the basic fee. Also, if special handling or packaging is required, costs thereof will be added to the basic fee.

(1) The copying of records and documents will be available at the rate of five cents per page (one side), limited to size 8½” x 14” or smaller.

(2) The certification and validation (with Federal Maritime Commission seal) of documents filed with or issued by the Commission will be available at $55 for each certification.

(c) Payment of fees and charges. The fees charged for special services may be paid by check, draft, or postal money order, payable to the Federal Maritime Commission.

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§ 503.70 Policy.

It is the policy of the Federal Maritime Commission, under the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b, Sept. 13, 1976) to entitle the public to the fullest practicable information regarding the decisional processes of the Commission. The provisions of this subpart set forth the procedural requirements designed to provide the public with such information while continuing to protect the rights of individuals and to maintain the capabilities of the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under the shipping statutes administered by this Commission.

§ 503.71 Definitions.

The following definitions apply for purposes of this subpart:

(a) Agency means the Federal Maritime Commission;

(b) Information pertaining to a meeting means, but is not limited to the following: the record of any agency vote taken under the provisions of this subpart, and the record of the vote of each member; a full written explanation of any agency action to close any portion of any meeting under this subpart; lists of persons expected to attend any meeting of the agency and their affiliation; public announcement by the agency under this subpart of the time, place, and subject matter of any meeting or portion of any meeting; announcement of whether any meeting or portion of any meeting shall be open to public observation or be closed; any announcement of any change regarding any meeting or portion of any meeting; and the name and telephone number of the Secretary of the agency who shall be designated by the agency to respond to requests for information concerning any meeting or portion of any meeting;

(c) Meeting means the deliberations of a majority of the members serving on the agency which determine or result in the joint conduct of or disposition of official agency business, but does not include:

1. Individual member’s consideration of official agency business circulated to the members in writing for disposition on notation;

2. Deliberations by the agency in determining whether or not to close a portion or portions of a meeting or series of meetings as provided in §§ 503.74 and 503.75;

3. Deliberations by the agency in determining whether or not to withhold from disclosure information pertaining to a portion or portions of a meeting or series of meetings as provided in § 503.80; or

4. Deliberations pertaining to any change in any meeting or to changes in the public announcement of such a meeting as provided in § 503.83;

(d) Member means each individual Commissioner of the agency;

(e) Person means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or public or private organization, other than an agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 551(1); and

(f) Series of meetings means more than one meeting involving the same particular matters and scheduled to be held no more than thirty (30) days after the initial meeting in such series.

§ 503.72 General rule—meetings.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 503.73, 503.74, 503.75 and 503.76, every portion of every meeting and every portion of a series of meetings of the agency shall be open to public observation.

(b) The opening of a portion or portions of a meeting or a portion or portions of a series of meetings to public observation shall not be construed to include any participation by the public in any manner in the meeting. Such an attempted participation or participation shall be cause for removal of any person so engaged at the discretion of the presiding member of the agency.

§ 503.73 Exceptions—meetings.

Except in a case where the agency finds that the public interest requires otherwise, the provisions of § 503.72(a)
§ 503.74 Procedures for closing a portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings on agency initiated requests.

(a) Any member of the agency, the Managing Director or the General Counsel of the agency may request that any portion or portions of a series of meetings be closed to public observation for any of the reasons provided in §503.73 by submitting such request in writing to the Secretary of the agency in sufficient time to allow the Secretary to schedule a timely vote on the request pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Upon receipt of any request made under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall schedule a time at which the members of the agency shall vote upon the request, which vote shall take place not later...

§ 503.74 Procedures for closing a portion or portions of a meeting or a portion or portions of a series of meetings on agency initiated requests.

(a) Any member of the agency, the Managing Director or the General Counsel of the agency may request that any portion or portions of a series of meetings be closed to public observation for any of the reasons provided in §503.73 by submitting such request in writing to the Secretary of the agency in sufficient time to allow the Secretary to schedule a timely vote on the request pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Upon receipt of any request made under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall schedule a time at which the members of the agency shall vote upon the request, which vote shall take place not later...
§ 503.75 Procedures for closing a portion of a meeting on request initiated by an interested person.

(a) Any person as defined in §503.71, whose interests may be directly affected by a portion of a meeting of the agency, may request that the agency close that portion of a meeting for the reason that matters in deliberation at that portion of the meeting are such that public disclosure of that portion of a meeting is likely to:

(1) Involve accusing any person of a crime, or formally censuring any person;

(2) Disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; or

(3) Disclose investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, or information which if written would be contained in such records, but only to the extent that the production of such records or information would:

(i) Interfere with enforcement proceedings;

(ii) Deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication;

(iii) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(iv) Disclose the identity of a confidential source and, in the case of a record compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source;

(v) Disclose investigative techniques and procedures; or

(vi) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

(b) Any person described in paragraph (a) of this section who submits a request that a portion of a meeting be closed shall submit an original and 15 copies of that request to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, and shall state with particularity that portion of a meeting sought to be closed and the reasons for such closing.

(c) At the time the Secretary schedules a time for an agency vote as described in paragraph (b) of this section, he or she shall forward the request to the General Counsel of the agency who shall act upon such request as provided in §503.77.

(d) At the time scheduled by the Secretary as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the members of the agency, upon consideration of the request submitted under paragraph (a) of this section and consideration of the certified opinion of the General Counsel of the agency provided to the members under §503.77, shall vote upon that request. That vote shall determine whether or not any portion or portions of a meeting may be closed to public observation for any of the reasons provided in §503.73, and whether or not the public interest requires that the portion or portions of the meeting or meetings remain open, notwithstanding the applicability of any of the reasons provided in §503.73 permitting the closing of any meeting to public observation.

(e) In the case of a vote on a request under this section to close to public observation a portion or portions of a meeting, no such portion or portions of any meeting may be closed unless, by a vote on the issues described in paragraph (d) of this section, a majority of the entire membership of the agency shall vote to close such portion or portions of a meeting by recorded vote.

(f) In the case of a vote on a request under this section to close to public observation a portion or portions of a series of meetings as defined in §503.71, no such portion or portions of a series of meetings may be closed unless, by a vote on the issues described in paragraph (d) of this section, a majority of the entire membership of the agency shall vote to close such portion or portions of a series of meetings. A determination to close to public observation a portion or portions of a series of meetings may be accomplished by a single vote on each of the issues described in paragraph (d) of this section, provided that the vote of each member of the agency shall be recorded and the vote shall be cast by each member and not by proxy vote.

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therefor as described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Upon receipt of any request made under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall:

(1) Furnish a copy of the request to each member of the agency; and

(2) Furnish a copy of the request to the General Counsel of the agency.

(d) Upon receipt of a request made under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, any member of the agency may request agency action upon the request to close a portion of a meeting by notifying the Secretary of the agency of that request for agency action.

(e) Upon receipt of a request for agency action under paragraph (d) of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall schedule a time for an agency vote upon the request of the person whose interests may be directly affected by a portion of a meeting, which vote shall take place prior to the scheduled meeting of the agency.

(f) At the time the Secretary receives a request for agency action and schedules a time for an agency vote as described in paragraph (e) of this section, the request of the person whose interests may be directly affected by a portion of a meeting shall be forwarded to the General Counsel of the agency who shall act upon such request as provided in § 503.77.

(g) At the time scheduled by the Secretary, as provided in paragraph (e) of this section, the members of the agency, upon consideration of the request of the person whose interests may be directly affected by a portion of a meeting submitted under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, and consideration of the certified opinion of the General Counsel of the agency provided to the members under § 503.77, shall vote upon that request. That vote shall determine whether or not any portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings may be closed to public observation.

(h) In the case of a vote on a request under this section to close to public observation a portion of a meeting, no such portion of a meeting may be closed unless, by a vote on the issues described in paragraph (g) of this section, a majority of the entire membership of the agency shall vote to close such portion of a meeting by a recorded vote.

§ 503.76 Effect of vote to close a portion or portions of a meeting or series of meetings.

(a) Where the agency votes as provided in § 503.74 or § 503.75, to close to public observation a portion or portions of a meeting or a portion or portions of a series of meetings, the portion or portions of a meeting or the portion or portions of a series of meetings shall be closed.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 503.80, 503.81 and 503.82, not later than the day following the day on which a vote is taken under § 503.74 or § 503.75, by which it is determined to close a portion or portions of a meeting or a portion or portions of a series of meetings to public observation, the Secretary shall make available to the public:

(1) A written copy of the recorded vote reflecting the vote of each member of the agency;

(2) A full written explanation of the agency action closing that portion or those portions to public observation; and

(3) A list of the names and affiliations of all persons expected to attend the portion or portions of the meeting or the portion or portions of a series of meetings.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 503.80, 503.81 and 503.82, not later than the day following the day on which a vote is taken under § 503.74, or § 503.75, by which it is determined that the portion or portions of a meeting or the portion or portions of a series of meetings shall remain open to public observation, the Secretary shall make available to the public a written copy of the
§ 503.77 Responsibilities of the General Counsel of the agency upon a request to close any portion of any meeting.

(a) Upon any request that the agency close a portion or portions of any meeting or any portion or portions of any series of meetings under the provisions of §§ 503.74 and 503.75, the General Counsel of the agency shall certify in writing to the agency, prior to an agency vote on that request, whether or not in his or her opinion the closing of any such portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings is proper under the provisions of this subpart and the terms of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b). If, in the opinion of the General Counsel, the closing of a portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings is proper under the provisions of this subpart and the terms of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), his or her certification of that opinion shall cite each applicable, particular, exemptive provision of that Act and provision of this subpart.

(b) A copy of the certification of the General Counsel as described in paragraph (a) of this section, together with a statement of the officer presiding over the portion or portions of any meeting or the portion or portions of a series of meetings setting forth the time and place of the relevant meeting or meetings, and the persons present, shall be maintained by the Secretary for public inspection.

§ 503.78 General rule—information pertaining to meeting.

(a) As defined in § 503.71, all information pertaining to a portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings of the agency shall be disclosed to the public unless excepted from such disclosure under §§ 503.79, 503.80 and 503.81.

(b) All inquiries as to the status of pending matters which were considered by the Commission in closed session should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission. Commission personnel who attend closed meetings of the Commission are prohibited from disclosing anything that occurs during those meetings. An employee's failure to respect the confidentiality of closed meetings constitutes a violation of Commission's General Standards of Conduct. The Commission can, of course, determine to make public the events or decisions occurring in a closed meeting, such information to be disseminated by the Office of the Secretary. An inquiry to the Office of the Secretary as to whether any information has been made public is not, therefore, improper. However, a request of or attempt to persuade a Commission employee to divulge the contents of a closed meeting constitutes a lack of proper professional conduct inappropriate to a person practicing before this agency, and requires that the employee file a report of such event so that a determination can be made whether disciplinary action should be initiated pursuant to § 502.30 of this chapter.

§ 503.79 Exceptions—information pertaining to meeting.

Except in a case where the agency finds that the public interest requires otherwise, information pertaining to a portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings need not be disclosed by the agency if the agency determines, under the provisions of §§ 503.80 and 503.81 that disclosure of that information is likely to disclose matters which are:

(a) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy and in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(b) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(c) Specifically exempted from disclosure by any statute other than 5 U.S.C. 552 (FOIA), provided that such statute (1) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (2) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld.
§ 503.80 Procedures for withholding information pertaining to meeting.

(a) Any member of the agency, or the General Counsel of the agency may request that information pertaining to a portion or portions of a meeting or to a portion or portions of a series of meetings be withheld from public disclosure for any of the reasons set forth in §503.79 by submitting such request in writing to the Secretary not later than two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the first meeting in a series of meetings.

(b) Upon receipt of any request made under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary shall schedule a time at which the members of the agency shall vote upon the request, which vote shall take place not later than eight (8) days prior to the scheduled meeting of the agency.

(c) At the time scheduled by the Secretary in paragraph (b) of this section, the Members of the agency, upon consideration of the request submitted under paragraph (a) of this section, shall vote upon that request. That vote shall determine whether or not information pertaining to a meeting may be withheld from public disclosure for any of the reasons provided in §503.79, and whether or not the public interest requires that the information be disclosed notwithstanding the applicability of the reasons provided in §503.79 permitting the withholding from public disclosure of the information pertaining to a meeting.

(d) In the case of a vote on a request under this section to withhold public disclosure information pertaining to a portion or portions of a meeting, no such information shall be withheld from public disclosure unless, by a vote on the issues described in paragraph (c) of this section, a majority of the entire membership of the agency shall vote to withhold such information by recorded vote.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47395, Dec. 4, 1984]
§ 503.81 Effect of vote to withhold information pertaining to meeting.

(a) Where the agency votes as provided in § 503.80 to withhold from public disclosure information pertaining to a portion or portions of a series of meetings, such information shall be excepted from the requirements of §§ 503.78, 503.82 and 503.83.

(b) Where the agency votes as provided in § 503.80 to permit public disclosure of information pertaining to a portion or portions of a series of meetings, such information shall be disclosed to the public as required by §§ 503.78, 503.82 and 503.83.

(c) Not later than the day following the date on which a vote is taken under § 503.80, by which the information pertaining to a meeting is determined to be disclosed, the Secretary shall make available to the public a written copy of such vote reflecting the vote of each member of the agency on the question.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47395, Dec. 4, 1984]

§ 503.82 Public announcement of agency meeting.

(a) Except as provided in §§ 503.80 and 503.81 regarding a determination to withhold from public disclosure any information pertaining to a portion or portions of a series of meetings, or as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall make public announcement of each meeting of the agency.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, public announcement of each meeting of the agency shall be accomplished not later than one week prior to commencement of a meeting or the commencement of the first meeting in a series of meetings, and shall disclose:

(1) The time of the meeting;
(2) The place of the meeting;
(3) The subject matter of each portion of each meeting or series of meetings;
(4) Whether any portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of any series of meetings shall be open or closed to public observation; and
(5) The name and telephone number of the Secretary of the agency who shall respond to requests for information about a meeting.

(c) The announcement described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be accomplished less than one week prior to the commencement of any meeting or series of meetings, provided the agency determines by recorded vote that the agency business requires that any such meeting or series of meetings be held at an earlier date. In the event of such a determination by the agency, public announcement as described in paragraph (b) of this section shall be accomplished at the earliest practicable time.

(d) Immediately following any public announcement accomplished under the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the agency shall submit a notice for publication in the Federal Register disclosing:

(1) The time of the meeting;
(2) The place of the meeting;
(3) The subject matter of each portion of each meeting or series of meetings;
(4) Whether any portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of any series of meetings is open or closed to public observation; and
(5) The name and telephone number of the Secretary of the agency who shall respond to requests for information about any meeting.
§ 503.85 Agency recordkeeping requirements.

(a) In the case of any portion or portions of a meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings determined by the agency to be closed to public observation under the provisions of this subpart, the following record shall be maintained by the Secretary of the agency:

(1) The certification of the General Counsel of the agency required by §503.77;

(2) A statement from the officer presiding over the portion or portions of the meeting or portion or portions of a series of meetings setting forth the time and place of the portion or portions of the meeting or portion or portions of the series of meetings, the persons present at those times; and

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a complete transcript or electronic recording fully recording the proceedings at each portion of each meeting closed to public observation.

(b) In case the agency determines to close to public observation any portion or portions of any meeting or portion or portions of any series of meetings because public observation of such portion or portions of any meeting is likely to specifically concern the agency's issuance of a subpoena, or the agency's participation in a civil action or proceeding, an action in a foreign court or international tribunal, or an arbitration, or the initiation, conduct, or disposition by the agency of a particular case of formal agency adjudication pursuant to the procedures in 5 U.S.C. 554 or otherwise involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing, the agency may maintain a set of minutes in lieu of the transcript or recording described in paragraph...
§ 503.86 Public access to records.

(a) All transcripts, electronic recordings or minutes required to be maintained by the agency under the provisions of §§ 503.85(a)(3) and 503.85(b) shall be promptly made available to the public by the Secretary of the agency, except for any item of discussion or testimony of any witnesses which the agency determines to contain information which may be withheld from public disclosure because its disclosure is likely to disclose matters which are:

(1) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (ii) in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(2) Specifically exempted from disclosure by any statute other than 5 U.S.C. 552 (FOIA), provided that such statute

(i) Requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or

(ii) Establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(3) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(4) Information which, if written, would be contained in such records, but only to the extent that the production of such records or information would

(i) Interfere with enforcement proceedings,

(ii) Deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication,

(iii) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,

(iv) Disclose the identity of a confidential source and, in the case of a record compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source,

(v) Disclose investigative techniques and procedures or

(vi) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel;

(5) Contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions;

(6) Information, the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action, unless the agency has already disclosed to the public the content or nature of its proposed action, or where the agency is required by law to make such disclosure on its own initiative prior to taking final agency action on such proposal; or

(7) Specifically concerned with the agency’s issuance of a subpoena, or the agency’s participation in a civil action
or proceeding, an action in a foreign court or international tribunal, or an arbitration, or the initiation, conduct, or disposition by the agency of a particular case of formal agency adjudication pursuant to the procedures in 5 U.S.C. 554 or otherwise involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

(b) Requests for access to the records described in this section shall be made in accordance with procedures described in subparts C and D of this part.

(c) Records disclosed to the public under this section shall be furnished at the expense of the party requesting such access at the actual cost of duplication or transcription.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23549, May 3, 1999]

§ 503.87 Effect of provisions of this subpart on other subparts.

(a) Nothing in this subpart shall limit or expand the ability of any person to seek access to agency records under subpart D (§§ 503.31 to 503.36) of this part except that the exceptions of § 503.86 shall govern requests to copy or inspect any portion of any transcript, electronic recordings or minutes required to be kept under this subpart.

(b) Nothing in this subpart shall permit the withholding from any individual to whom a record pertains any record required by this subpart to be maintained by the agency which record is otherwise available to such individual under the provisions of subpart G of this part.

[49 FR 44401, Nov. 6, 1984; 49 FR 47395, Dec. 4, 1984]

PART 504—PROCEDURES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYSIS

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§ 504.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) This part implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Executive Order 12114 and incorporates and complies with the Regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 CFR part 1500 et seq.).

(b) This part applies to all actions of the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission). To the extent possible, the Commission shall integrate the requirements of NEPA with its obligations under section 382(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. 6362.

(c) Information obtained under this part is used by the Commission to assess potential environmental impacts of proposed Federal Maritime Commission actions. Compliance is voluntary but may be made mandatory by Commission order to produce the information pursuant to section 15 of the Shipping Act of 1984. The penalty for violation of a Commission order under section 13 of the Shipping Act of 1984 may not exceed $5,000 for each violation, unless the violation was willfully and knowingly committed, in which case the amount of the civil penalty may not exceed $25,000 for each violation, as adjusted by § 506.4 of this chapter. (Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense.)

[49 FR 44415, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23549, May 3, 1999]

§ 504.2 Definitions.


(b) Common carrier means any common carrier by water as defined in section 3 of the Shipping Act of 1984, including a conference of such carriers.

(c) Environmental impact means any alteration of existing environmental conditions or creation of a new set of environmental conditions, adverse or
§ 504.3 General information.

(a) All comments submitted pursuant to this part shall be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573-0001.

(b) A list of recent Commission actions, if any, for which a finding of no significant impact has been made or for which an environmental impact statement is being prepared will be maintained by the Commission in the Office of the Secretary and will be available for public inspection.

(c) Information or status reports on environmental statements and other elements of the NEPA process can be obtained from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573-0001.

§ 504.4 Categorical exclusions.

(a) No environmental analyses need be undertaken or environmental documents prepared in connection with actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment because they are purely ministerial actions or because they do not increase or decrease air, water or noise pollution or the use of fossil fuels, recyclables, or energy. The following Commission actions, and rulemakings related thereto, are therefore excluded:

(1) Issuance, modification, denial and revocation of ocean transportation intermediary licenses.

(2) Certification of financial responsibility of passenger vessels pursuant to 46 CFR part 540.

(3) Receipt of surety bonds submitted by ocean transportation intermediaries.

(4) Promulgation of procedural rules pursuant to 46 CFR part 502.

(5) Receipt of service contracts.

(6) Consideration of special permission applications pursuant to part 520 of this chapter.

(7)-(8) [Reserved]

(9) Consideration of amendments to agreements filed pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984, which do not increase the authority set forth in the effective agreement.

(10) Consideration of agreements between common carriers which solely affect intraconference or inter-rate agreement relationships or pertain to administrative matters of conferences or rate agreements.

(11) Consideration of agreements between common carriers to discuss, propose or plan future action, the implementation of which requires filing a further agreement.

(12) Consideration of exclusive or non-exclusive equipment interchange or husbanding agreements.

(13) Receipt of non-exclusive transshipment agreements.

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(14) Action relating to collective bargaining agreements.

(15) Action pursuant to section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984 concerning the justness and reasonableness of controlled carriers’ rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations.

(16) Receipt of self-police reports or shipper requests and complaints.

(17) [Reserved]

(18) Consideration of actions solely affecting the environment of a foreign country.

(19) Action taken on special docket applications pursuant to §502.271 of this chapter.

(20) Consideration of matters related solely to the issue of Commission jurisdiction.

(21) [Reserved]

(22) Investigatory and adjudicatory proceedings, the purpose of which is to ascertain past violations of the Shipping Act of 1984.

(23) [Reserved]

(24) Action regarding access to public information pursuant to 46 CFR part 503.

(25) Action regarding receipt and retention of minutes of conference meetings.

(26) Administrative procurements (general supplies).

(27) Contracts for personal services.

(28) Personnel actions.

(29) Requests for appropriations.

(30) Consideration of all agreements involving marine terminal facilities and/or services except those requiring substantial levels of construction, dredging, land-fill, energy usage and other activities which may have a significant environmental effect.

(31) Consideration of agreements regulating employee wages, hours of work, working conditions or labor exchanges.

(32) Consideration of general agency agreements involving ministerial duties of a common carrier such as internal management, cargo solicitation, booking of cargo, or preparation of documents.

(33) Consideration of agreements pertaining to credit rules.

(34) Consideration of agreements involving performance bonds to a conference from a conference member guaranteeing compliance by the member with the rules and regulations of the conference.

(35) Consideration of agreements between members of two or more conferences or other rate-fixing agreements to discuss and agree upon common self-police systems and cargo inspection services.

(b) If interested persons allege that a categorically-excluded action will have a significant environmental effect (e.g., increased or decreased air, water or noise pollution; use of recyclables; use of fossil fuels or energy), they shall, by written submission to the Secretary, explain in detail their reasons. The Secretary shall refer these submissions for determination by the appropriate Commission official, not later than ten (10) days after receipt, whether to prepare an environmental assessment. Upon a determination not to prepare an environmental assessment, such persons may petition the Commission for review of the decision within ten (10) days of receipt of notice of such determination.

(c) If the individual or cumulative effect of a particular action otherwise categorically excluded offers a reasonable potential of having a significant environmental impact, an environmental assessment shall be prepared pursuant to §504.5.


§504.5 Environmental assessments.

(a) Every Commission action not specifically excluded under §504.4 shall be subject to an environmental assessment.

(b) A notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment briefly describing the nature of the potential or proposed action and inviting written comments to aid in the preparation of the environmental assessment and early identification of the significant environmental issues may be published in the Federal Register. Such comments must be received by the Commission no later than ten (10) days from the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register.

[49 FR 44415, Nov. 6, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 23549, May 3, 1999]
§ 504.6 Finding of no significant impact.

(a) If upon completion of an environmental assessment, it is determined that a potential or proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment of the United States or of the global commons, a finding of no significant impact shall be prepared and notice of its availability published in the Federal Register. This document shall include the environmental assessment or a summary of it, and shall briefly present the reasons why the potential or proposed action, not otherwise excluded under §504.4, will not have a significant effect on the human environment and why, therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared.

(b) Petitions for review of a finding of no significant impact must be received by the Commission within ten (10) days from the date of publication of the notice of its availability in the Federal Register. The Commission shall review the petitions and either deny them or order prepared an EIS pursuant to §504.7. The Commission shall, within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition, serve copies of its order upon all parties who filed comments concerning the potential or proposed action or who filed petitions for review.

[64 FR 23549, May 3, 1999]

§ 504.7 Environmental impact statements.

(a) General. (1) An environmental impact statement (EIS) shall be prepared when the environmental assessment indicates that a potential or proposed action may have a significant impact upon the environment of the United States or the global commons.

(2) The EIS process will commence:

(i) For adjudicatory proceedings, when the Commission issues an order of investigation or a complaint is filed; and

(ii) For rulemaking or legislative proposals, upon issuance of the proposal by the Commission; and

(iii) For other actions, the time the action is noticed in the Federal Register.

(3) The major decision points in the EIS process are:

(i) The issuance of an initial decision in those cases assigned to be heard by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ); and

(ii) The issuance of the Commission’s final decision or report on the action.

(4) The EIS shall consider potentially significant impacts upon the quality of the human environment of the United States and, in appropriate cases, upon the environment of the global commons outside the jurisdiction of any nation.

(b) Draft environmental impact statements. (1) A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will initially be prepared in accordance with 40 CFR part 1502.

(2) The DEIS shall be distributed to every party to a Commission proceeding for which it was prepared. There will be no fee charged to such parties. One copy per person will also be provided to interested persons at their request. The fee charged such persons shall be that provided in §503.43 of this chapter.

(3) Comments on the DEIS must be received by the Commission within ten (10) days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes in the Federal Register notice that the DEIS was filed with it. Sixteen copies shall be submitted as provided in §504.3(a). Comments shall be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives discussed in it. All comments received will be made available to the public. Extensions of time for commenting on the DEIS may be granted by the Commission for up to ten (10) days if good cause is shown.

(c) Final environmental impact statements. (1) After receipt of comments on the DEIS, a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) will be prepared pursuant to 40 CFR part 1502, which shall include a discussion of the possible alternative actions to a potential or proposed action. The FEIS will be distributed in the same manner as specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(2) The FEIS shall be prepared prior to the Commission’s final decision and
§ 504.9 Information required by the Commission.

(a) Upon request, a person filing a complaint, protest, petition or agreement requesting Commission action shall submit, no later than ten (10) days from the date of the request, a statement setting forth, in detail, the impact of the requested Commission action on the quality of the human environment, if such requested action will:

(1) Alter cargo routing patterns between ports or change modes of transportation;
(2) Change rates or services for recyclables;
(3) Change the type, capacity or number of vessels employed in a specific trade; or
(4) Alter terminal or port facilities.

(b) The statement submitted shall, to the fullest extent possible, include:

(1) The probable impact of the requested Commission action on the environment (e.g., the use of energy or natural resources, the effect on air, noise, or water pollution), compared to the environmental impact created by existing uses in the area affected by it;
(2) Any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided if the Commission were to take or adopt the requested action; and
(3) Any alternatives to the requested Commission action.

(c) If environmental impacts, either adverse or beneficial, are alleged, they should be sufficiently identified and quantified to permit meaningful review. Individuals may contact the Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission for informal assistance in preparing this statement. The Commission shall independently evaluate the information submitted and shall be responsible for assuring its accuracy if used by it in the preparation of an environmental assessment or EIS.

(d) In all cases, the Secretary may request every common carrier by water, or marine terminal operator, or any officer, agent or employee thereof, as well as all parties to proceedings before the Commission, to submit, within ten (10) days of such request, all material information necessary to comply with NEPA and this part. Information not produced in response to an informal request may be obtained by the Commission pursuant to section 15 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

§ 504.8 Record of decision.

The Commission shall consider each alternative described in the FEIS in its decisionmaking and review process. At the time of its final report or order, the Commission shall prepare a record of decision pursuant to 40 CFR 1505.2.
§ 504.10 Time constraints on final administrative actions.

No decision on a proposed action shall be made or recorded by the Commission until the later of the following dates unless reduced pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.10(d), or unless required by a statutorily-prescribed deadline on the Commission action:

(a) Forty (40) days after EPA’s publication of the notice described in § 504.7(b) for a DEIS; or

(b) Ten (10) days after publication of EPA’s notice for an FEIS.

§ 504.91 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

This section displays the control numbers assigned to information collection requirements of the Commission in this part by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96-511. The Commission intends that this section comply with the requirements of section 3507(f) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires that agencies display a current control number assigned by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each agency information collection requirement:

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PART 505—ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET

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§ 505.1 Scope of regulations.

These regulations apply to the collection of debts owed to the United States arising from transactions with the Commission, or where a request for an offset is received by the Commission from another agency. These regulations are consistent with the Federal Claims Collection Standards on administrative offset issued jointly by the Department of Justice and the General Accounting Office as set forth in 4 CFR 102.3.

§ 505.2 Definitions.

(a) Administrative offset, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(1), means withholding money payable by the United States Government to, or held by the Government for, a person to satisfy a debt the person owes the Government.

(b) Person includes a natural person or persons, profit or non-profit corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate, consortium, or other entity which is capable of owing a debt to the United States Government except that agencies of the United States, or of any State or local government shall be excluded.

§ 505.3 General.

(a) The Chairman or his or her designee, after attempting to collect a debt from a person under section 3(a) of the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as assembled (31 U.S.C. 3711(a)), may collect the debt by administrative offset subject to the following:

(1) The debt is certain in amount; and

(2) It is in the best interests of the United States to collect the debt by administrative offset because of the decreased costs of collection and the acceleration in the payment of the debt.

(b) The Chairman, or his or her designee, may initiate administrative offset with regard to debts owed by a person to another agency of the United States Government, upon receipt of a request from the head of another agency or his or her designee, and a certification that the debt exists and that the person has been afforded the necessary due process rights.

(c) The Chairman, or his or her designee, may request another agency that holds funds payable to a Commission debtor to offset the debt against the funds held and will provide certification that:

(1) The debt exists; and
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(2) The person has been afforded the necessary due process rights.
(d) If the six-year period for bringing action on a debt provided in 28 U.S.C. 2415 has expired, then administrative offset may be used to collect the debt only if the costs of bringing such action are likely to be less than the amount of the debt.
(e) No collection by administrative offset shall be made on any debt that has been outstanding for more than 10 years unless facts material to the Government's right to collect the debt were not known, and reasonably could not have been known, by the official or officials responsible for discovering and collecting such debt.
(f) These regulations do not apply to:
1. A case in which administrative offset of the type of debt involved is explicitly provided for or prohibited by another statute; or
2. Debts owed by other agencies of the United States or by any State or local government.

§ 505.4 Notification procedures.

Before collecting any debt through administrative offset, a notice of intent to offset shall be sent to the debtor or by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the most current address that is available to the Commission. The notice shall provide:
(a) A description of the nature and amount of the debt and the intention of the Commission to collect the debt through administrative offset;
(b) An opportunity to inspect and copy the records of the Commission with respect to the debt;
(c) An opportunity for review within the Commission of the determination of the Commission with respect to the debt; and
(d) An opportunity to enter into a written agreement for the repayment of the amount of the debt.

§ 505.5 Agency review.

(a) A debtor may dispute the existence of the debt, the amount of debt, or the terms of repayment. A request to review a disputed debt must be submitted to the Commission official who provided notification within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the written notice described in § 505.4.
(b) If the debtor requests an opportunity to inspect or copy the Commission's records concerning the disputed claim, 10 business days will be granted for the review. The time period will be measured from the time the request for inspection is granted or from the time the copy of the records is received by the debtor.
(c) Pending the resolution of a dispute by the debtor, transactions in any of the debtor's account(s) maintained in the Commission may be temporarily suspended. Depending on the type of transaction the suspension could preclude its payment, removal, or transfer, as well as prevent the payment of interest or discount due thereon. Should the dispute be resolved in the debtor's favor, the suspension will be immediately lifted.
(d) During the review period, interest, penalties, and administrative costs authorized under the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1996, as amended, will continue to accrue.

§ 505.6 Written agreement for repayment.

A debtor who admits liability but elects not to have the debt collected by administrative offset will be afforded an opportunity to negotiate a written agreement for the repayment of the debt. If the financial condition of the debtor does not support the ability to pay in one lump-sum, reasonable installment payments may be considered. No installment arrangement will be considered unless the debtor submits a financial statement, executed under penalty of perjury, reflecting the debtor's assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. The financial statement must be submitted within 10 business days of the Commission's request for the statement. At the Commission's option, a confess-judgment note or bond of indemnity with surety may be required for installment agreements. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any reduction or compromise of a claim will be governed by 4 CFR part 103.

§ 505.7 Administrative offset.

(a) If the debtor does not exercise the right to request a review within the time specified in § 505.5 or if as a result
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of the review, it is determined that the debt is due and no written agreement is executed, then administrative offset shall be ordered in accordance with these regulations without further notice.

(b) Requests for offset to other Federal agencies. The Chairman or his or her designee may request that funds due and payable to a debtor by another Federal agency be administratively offset in order to collect a debt owed to the Commission by that debtor. In requesting administrative offset, the Commission, as creditor, will certify in writing to the Federal agency holding funds of the debtor:

(1) That the debtor owes the debt;
(2) The amount and basis of the debt; and
(3) That the agency has complied with the requirements of 31 U.S.C. 3716, its own administrative offset regulations and the applicable provisions of 4 CFR part 102 with respect to providing the debtor with due process.

(c) Requests for offset from other Federal agencies. Any Federal agency may request that funds due and payable to its debtor by the Commission be administratively offset in order to collect a debt owed to such Federal agency by the debtor. The Commission shall initiate the requested offset only upon:

(1) Receipt of written certification from the creditor agency:
   (i) That the debtor owes the debt;
   (ii) The amount and basis of the debt;
   (iii) That the agency has prescribed regulations for the exercise of administrative offset; and
   (iv) That the agency has complied with its own administrative offset regulations and with the applicable provisions of 4 CFR part 102, including providing any required hearing or review.

(2) A determination by the Commission that collection by offset against funds payable by the Commission would be in the best interest of the United States as determined by the facts and circumstances of the particular case, and that such offset would not otherwise be contrary to law.

§ 505.8 Jeopardy procedure.

The Commission may effect an administrative offset against a payment to be made to the debtor prior to the completion of the procedures required by §§ 505.4 and 505.5 of this part if failure to take the offset would substantially jeopardize the Commission’s ability to collect the debt, and the time before the payment is to be made does not reasonably permit the completion of those procedures. Such prior offset shall be promptly followed by the completion of those procedures. Amounts recovered by offset but later found not to be owed to the Commission shall be promptly refunded.

PART 506—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

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SOURCE: 61 FR 52705, Oct. 8, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

§ 506.1 Scope and purpose.

The purpose of this Part is to establish a mechanism for the regular adjustment for inflation of civil monetary penalties and to adjust such penalties in conformity with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, 46 U.S.C. 2461, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Public Law 104–134, April 26, 1996, in order to maintain the deterrent effect of civil monetary penalties and to promote compliance with the law.

§ 506.2 Definitions.

(a) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(b) Civil Monetary Penalty means any penalty, fine, or other sanction that:
   (1) (i) Is for a specific monetary amount as provided by Federal law; or
   (ii) Has a maximum amount provided by Federal law;

(2) Is assessed or enforced by the Commission pursuant to Federal law; and
§ 506.4 Cost of living adjustments of civil monetary penalties.

(a) The inflation adjustment under § 506.3 shall be determined by increasing the maximum civil monetary penalty for each civil monetary penalty by the cost-of-living adjustment. Any increase determined under this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest:

(1) Multiple of $10 in the case of penalties less than or equal to $100;
(2) Multiple of $100 in the case of penalties greater than $100 but less than or equal to $1,000;
(3) Multiple of $1,000 in the case of penalties greater than $1,000 but less than or equal to $10,000;
(4) Multiple of $5,000 in the case of penalties greater than $10,000 but less than or equal to $100,000;
(5) Multiple of $10,000 in the case of penalties greater than $100,000 but less than or equal to $200,000; and
(6) Multiple of $25,000 in the case of penalties greater than $200,000.

(b) For purposes of paragraph (a) of this section, the term ‘cost-of-living adjustment’ means the percentage (if any) for each civil monetary penalty by which the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year preceding the adjustment, exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year in which the amount of such civil monetary penalty was last set or adjusted pursuant to law.

(c) Limitation on initial adjustment. The first adjustment of civil monetary penalty pursuant to § 506.3 may not exceed 10 percent of such penalty.

(d) Inflation adjustment. Maximum Civil Monetary Penalties within the jurisdiction of the Federal Maritime Commission are adjusted for inflation as follows:

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§ 506.5 Application of increase to violations.

Any increase in a civil monetary penalty under this part shall apply only to violations which occur after the date the increase takes effect.

PART 507—ENFORCEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

§ 507.101 Purpose.

This part effectuates section 119 of the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978, which amended section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by Executive agencies or the United States Postal Service.

§ 507.102 Application.

This part applies to all programs or activities conducted by the agency.
digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or

(ii) Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. The term physical or mental impairment includes, but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, mental retardation, emotional illness, and drug addiction and alcoholism.

(2) Major life activities includes functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) Has a record of such an impairment means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) Is regarded as having an impairment means—

(i) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but is treated by the agency as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) Has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by the agency as having such an impairment.

Historic preservation programs means programs conducted by the agency that have preservation of historic properties as a primary purpose.

Historic properties means those properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or properties designated as historic under a statute of the appropriate State or local government body.

Qualified handicapped person means—

(1) With respect to preschool, elementary, or secondary education services provided by the agency, a handicapped person who is a member of a class of persons otherwise entitled by statute, regulation, or agency policy to receive education services from the agency.

(2) With respect to any other agency program or activity under which a person is required to perform services or to achieve a level of accomplishment, a handicapped person who meets the essential eligibility requirements and who can achieve the purpose of the program or activity without modifications in the program or activity that the agency can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in its nature;

(3) With respect to any other program or activity, a handicapped person who meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in, or receipt of benefits from, that program or activity; and

(4) Qualified handicapped person is defined for purposes of employment in 29 CFR 1613.702(f), which is made applicable to this part by §507.140.


Substantial impairment means a significant loss of the integrity of finished materials, design quality, or special character resulting from a permanent alteration.

§§ 507.104—507.109 [Reserved]
§ 507.110 Self-evaluation.

(a) The agency shall, by August 24, 1987, evaluate its current policies and practices, and the effects thereof, that do not or may not meet the requirements of this part, and, to the extent modification of any such policies and practices is required, the agency shall proceed to make the necessary modifications.
§ 507.111 Notice.

The agency shall make available to employees, applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons such information regarding the provisions of this part and its applicability to the programs or activities conducted by the agency, and make such information available to them in such manner as the head of the agency finds necessary to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by section 504 and this regulation.

§§ 507.112—507.129 [Reserved]

§ 507.130 General prohibitions against discrimination.

(a) No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the agency.

(b)(1) The agency, in providing any aid, benefit, or service, may not, directly or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements, on the basis of handicap—

(i) Deny a qualified handicapped person the opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service;

(ii) Afford a qualified handicapped person an opportunity to participate in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service that is not equal to that afforded others;

(iii) Provide a qualified handicapped person with aid, benefit, or service that is not as effective in affording equal opportunity to obtain the same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of achievement as that provided to others;

(iv) Provide different or separate aid, benefits, or services to handicapped persons or to any class of handicapped persons than is provided to others unless such action is necessary to provide qualified handicapped persons with aid, benefits, or services that are as effective as those provided to others;

(v) Deny a qualified handicapped person the opportunity to participate as a member of planning or advisory boards;

(vi) Otherwise limit a qualified handicapped person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving the aid, benefit, or service.

(2) The agency may not deny a qualified handicapped person the opportunity to participate in programs or activities that are not separate or different, despite the existence of permissibly separate or different programs or activities.

(3) The agency may not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, utilize criteria or methods of administration the purpose or effect of which would—

(i) Subject qualified handicapped persons to discrimination on the basis of handicap; or

(ii) Defeat or substantially impair accomplishment of the objectives of a program activity with respect to handicapped persons.

(4) The agency may not, in determining the site or location of a facility, make selections the purpose or effect of which would—

(i) Exclude handicapped persons from, deny them the benefits of, or otherwise subject them to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the agency; or

(ii) Defeat or substantially impair the accomplishment of the objectives of a program or activity with respect to handicapped persons.

(5) The agency, in the selection of procurement contractors, may not use criteria that subject qualified handicapped persons to discrimination on the basis of handicap.
(6) The agency may not administer a licensing or certification program in a manner that subjects qualified handicapped persons to discrimination on the basis of handicap, nor may the agency establish requirements for the programs or activities of licensees or certified entities that subject qualified handicapped persons to discrimination on the basis of handicap. However, the programs or activities of entities that are licensed or certified by the agency are not, themselves, covered by this part.

(c) The exclusion of nonhandicapped persons from the benefits of a program limited by Federal statute or Executive order to handicapped persons or the exclusion of a specific class of handicapped persons from a program limited by Federal statute or Executive order to a different class of handicapped persons is not prohibited by this part.

(d) The agency shall administer programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified handicapped persons.

§§ 507.131—507.139 [Reserved]

§ 507.140 Employment.

No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be subjected to discrimination in employment under any program or activity conducted by the agency. The definitions, requirements, and procedures of section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791), as established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 29 CFR part 1613, shall apply to employment in federally conducted programs or activities.

§§ 507.141—507.148 [Reserved]

§ 507.149 Program accessibility: Discrimination prohibited.

Except as otherwise provided in §507.150, no qualified handicapped person shall, because the agency’s facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by handicapped persons, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the agency.

§ 507.150 Program accessibility: Existing facilities.

(a) General. The agency shall operate each program or activity so that the program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. This paragraph does not—

(1) Necessarily require the agency to make each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by handicapped persons;

(2) In the case of historic preservation programs, require the agency to take any action that would result in a substantial impairment of significant historic features of an historic property; or

(3) Require the agency to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where agency personnel believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the program or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, the agency has the burden of proving that compliance with § 507.150(a) would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the agency head or his or her designee after considering all agency resources available for use in the funding and operation of the conducted program or activity, and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action would result in such an alteration or such burdens, the agency shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that handicapped persons receive the benefits and services of the program or activity.

(b) Methods—(1) General. The agency may comply with the requirements of this section through such means as redesign of equipment, reassignment of services to accessible buildings, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, home visits, delivery of services at alternate accessible sites, alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities, use of accessible rolling stock.
§ 507.151 Program accessibility: New construction and alterations.

Each building or part of a building that is constructed or altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of the agency shall be designed, constructed, or altered so as to be readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. The definitions, requirements, and standards of the Architectural Barriers Act (42 U.S.C. 4151–4157), as established in 41 CFR 101–19.600 to 101–19.607, apply to buildings covered by this section.

§§ 507.152–507.159 [Reserved]

§ 507.160 Communications.

(a) The agency shall take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication with applicants, participants, personnel of other Federal entities, and members of the public.

(1) The agency shall furnish appropriate auxiliary aids where necessary to afford a handicapped person an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, a program or activity conducted by the agency.

(i) In determining what type of auxiliary aid is necessary, the agency shall give primary consideration to the requests of the handicapped person.

(ii) The agency need not provide individually prescribed devices, readers for

or any other methods that result in making its programs or activities readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. The agency is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods are effective in achieving compliance with this section. The agency, in making alterations to existing buildings, shall meet accessibility requirements to the extent compelled by the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4151–4157), and any regulations implementing it. In choosing among available methods for meeting the requirements of this section, the agency shall give priority to those methods that offer programs and activities to qualified handicapped persons in the most integrated setting appropriate.

(2) Historic preservation programs. In meeting the requirements of §507.150(a) in historic preservation programs, the agency shall give priority to methods that provide physical access to handicapped persons. In cases where a physical alteration to an historic property is not required because of §507.150 (a)(2) or (a)(3), alternative methods of achieving program accessibility include—

(i) Using audio-visual materials and devices to depict those portions of an historic property that cannot otherwise be made accessible;

(ii) Assigning persons to guide handicapped persons into or through portions of historic properties that cannot otherwise be made accessible; or

(iii) Adopting other innovative methods.

(c) Time period for compliance. The agency shall comply with the obligations established under this section by October 21, 1986, except that where structural changes in facilities are undertaken, such changes shall be made by August 22, 1989, but in any event as expeditiously as possible.

(2) Historic preservation programs. In historic preservation programs, the agency shall give priority to methods that provide physical access to handicapped persons. In cases where a physical alteration to an historic property is not required because of §507.150 (a)(2) or (a)(3), alternative methods of achieving program accessibility include—

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personal use or study, or other devices of a personal nature.

(2) Where the agency communicates with applicants and beneficiaries by telephone, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TDD’s) or equally effective telecommunication systems shall be used.

(b) The agency shall ensure that interested persons, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities.

(c) The agency shall provide signage at a primary entrance to each of its inaccessible facilities, directing users to a location at which they can obtain information about accessible facilities. The international symbol for accessibility shall be used at each primary entrance of an accessible facility.

(d) This section does not require the agency to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where agency personnel believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the program or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, the agency has the burden of proving that the proposed action would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance with §507.160 would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the agency head or his or her designee after considering all agency resources available for use in the funding and operation of the conducted program or activity, and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action required to comply with this section would result in such an alteration or such burdens, the agency shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, handicapped persons receive the benefits and services of the program or activity.

§§ 507.161—507.169 [Reserved]

§ 507.170 Compliance procedures.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, this section applies to all allegations of discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by the agency.

(b) The agency shall process complaints alleging violations of section 504 with respect to employment according to the procedures established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in 29 CFR part 1614 pursuant to section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 791).

(c) The Director, Bureau of Administration shall be responsible for coordinating implementation of this section. Complaints may be sent to the Director, Bureau of Administration, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20573.

(d) The agency shall accept and investigate all complete complaints for which it has jurisdiction. All complete complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination. The agency may extend this time period for good cause.

(e) If the agency receives a complaint over which it does not have jurisdiction, it shall promptly notify the complainant and shall make reasonable efforts to refer the complaint to the appropriate government entity.

(f) If the agency receives a complaint alleging that a building or facility that is subject to the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4151-4157), or section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 792), is not readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons.

(g) Within 180 days of the receipt of a complete complaint for which it has jurisdiction, the agency shall notify the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board upon receipt of any complaint alleging that a building or facility that is subject to the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4151-4157), or section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 792), is not readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons.

(h) Within 180 days of the receipt of a complete complaint for which it has jurisdiction, the agency shall notify the complainant of the results of the investigation in a letter containing—

(1) Findings of fact and conclusions of law;

(2) A description of a remedy for each violation found; and

(3) A notice of the right to appeal.
(h) Appeals of the findings of fact and conclusions of law or remedies must be filed by the complainant within 90 days of receipt from the agency of the letter required by § 507.170(g). The agency may extend this time for good cause.

(i) Timely appeals shall be accepted and processed by the head of the agency.

(j) The head of the agency shall notify the complainant of the results of the appeal within 60 days of the receipt of the request. If the head of the agency determines that additional information is needed from the complainant, he or she shall have 60 days from the date of receipt of the additional information to make his or her determination on the appeal.

(k) The time limits cited in paragraphs (g) and (j) of this section may be extended with the permission of the Assistant Attorney General.

(l) The agency may delegate its authority for conducting complaint investigations to other Federal agencies, except that the authority for making the final determination may not be delegated to another agency.

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Subpart A—General

§ 515.1 Scope.

(a) This part sets forth regulations providing for the licensing as ocean transportation intermediaries of persons who wish to carry on the business of providing intermediary services, including the grounds and procedures for revocation and suspension of licenses. This part also prescribes the financial responsibility requirements and the duties and responsibilities of ocean transportation intermediaries, and regulations concerning practices of ocean transportation intermediaries with respect to common carriers.

(b) Information obtained under this part is used to determine the qualifications of ocean transportation intermediaries and their compliance with shipping statutes and regulations. Failure to follow the provisions of this part may result in denial, revocation or suspension of an ocean transportation intermediary license. Persons operating without the proper license may be subject to civil penalties not to exceed $5,500 for each such violation unless the violation is willfully and
§ 515.2 Definitions.

The terms used in this part are defined as follows:


(b) Beneficial interest includes a lien or interest in or right to use, enjoy, profit, benefit, or receive any advantage, either proprietary or financial, from the whole or any part of a shipment of cargo where such interest arises from the financing of the shipment or by operation of law, or by agreement, express or implied. The term “beneficial interest” shall not include any obligation in favor of an ocean transportation intermediary arising solely by reason of the advance of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in dispatching a shipment.

(c) Branch office means any office in the United States established by or maintained by or under the control of a licensee for the purpose of rendering intermediary services, which office is located at an address different from that of the licensee's designated home office. This term does not include a separately incorporated entity.

(d) Brokerage refers to payment by a common carrier to an ocean freight broker for the performance of services as specified in paragraph (n) of this section.

(e) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(f) Common carrier means any person holding itself out to the general public to provide transportation by water of passengers or cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation that:

1. Assumes responsibility for the transportation from the port or point of receipt to the port or point of destination, and

2. Utilizes, for all or part of that transportation, a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a port in the United States and a port in a foreign country, except that the term does not include a common carrier engaged in ocean transportation by ferry boat, ocean tramp, chemical parcel tanker, or by a vessel when primarily engaged in the carriage of perishable agricultural commodities.

(i) if the common carrier and the owner of those commodities are wholly-owned, directly or indirectly, by a person primarily engaged in the marketing and distribution of those commodities, and

(ii) only with respect to those commodities.

(g) Compensation means payment by a common carrier to a freight forwarder for the performance of services as specified in §515.42(c).

(h) Freight forwarding fee means charges billed by a freight forwarder to a shipper, consignee, seller, purchaser, or any agent thereof, for the performance of freight forwarding services.

(i) Freight forwarding services refers to the dispatching of shipments on behalf of others, in order to facilitate shipment by a common carrier, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Ordering cargo to port;

2. Preparing and/or processing export declarations;

3. Booking, arranging for or confirming cargo space;

4. Preparing or processing delivery orders or dock receipts;

5. Preparing and/or processing ocean bills of lading;

6. Preparing or processing consular documents or arranging for their certification;

7. Arranging for warehouse storage;

8. Arranging for cargo insurance;

9. Clearing shipments in accordance with United States Government export regulations;

10. Preparing and/or sending advance notifications of shipments or other documents to banks, shippers, or consignees, as required;

11. Handling freight or other monies advanced by shippers, or remitting or advancing freight or other monies or
credit in connection with the dispatching of shipments;
(12) Coordinating the movement of shipments from origin to vessel; and
(13) Giving expert advice to exporters concerning letters of credit, other documents, licenses or inspections, or on problems germane to the cargoes' dispatch.
(j) From the United States means oceanborne export commerce from the United States, its territories, or possessions, to foreign countries.
(k) Licensee is any person licensed by the Federal Maritime Commission as an ocean transportation intermediary.
(l) Non-vessel-operating common carrier services refers to the provision of transportation by water of cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation without operating the vessels by which the transportation is provided, and may include, but are not limited to, the following:
   (1) Purchasing transportation services from a VOCC and offering such services for resale to other persons;
   (2) Payment of port-to-port or multimodal transportation charges;
   (3) Entering into affreightment agreements with underlying shippers;
   (4) Issuing bills of lading or equivalent documents;
   (5) Arranging for inland transportation and paying for inland freight charges on through transportation movements;
   (6) Paying lawful compensation to ocean freight forwarders;
   (7) Leasing containers; or
   (8) Entering into arrangements with origin or destination agents.
(m) Ocean common carrier means a vessel-operating common carrier ("VOCC").
(n) Ocean freight broker is an entity which is engaged by a carrier to secure cargo for such carrier and/or to sell or offer for sale ocean transportation services and which holds itself out to the public as one who negotiates between shipper or consignee and carrier for the purchase, sale, conditions and terms of transportation.
(o) Ocean transportation intermediary means an ocean freight forwarder or a non-vessel-operating common carrier. For the purposes of this part, the term
(1) Ocean freight forwarder means a person that—
   (i) in the United States, dispatches shipments from the United States via a common carrier and books or otherwise arranges space for those shipments on behalf of shippers; and
   (ii) processes the documentation or performs related activities incident to those shipments; and
(2) Non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC") means a common carrier that does not operate the vessels by which the ocean transportation is provided, and is a shipper in its relationship with an ocean common carrier.
(p) Person includes individuals, corporations, partnerships and associations existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or of a foreign country.
(q) Principal, except as used in Surety Bond Form FMC-49, and Group Bond Form FMC-69, refers to the shipper, consignee, seller, or purchaser of property, and to anyone acting on behalf of such shipper, consignee, seller, or purchaser of property, who employs the services of a licensed freight forwarder to facilitate the ocean transportation of such property.
(r) Reduced forwarding fees means charges to a principal for forwarding services that are below the licensed freight forwarder's usual charges for such services.
(s) Shipment means all of the cargo carried under the terms of a single bill of lading.
(t) Shipper means:
   (1) A cargo owner;
   (2) The person for whose account the ocean transportation is provided;
   (3) The person to whom delivery is to be made;
   (4) A shippers' association; or
   (5) a non-vessel-operating common carrier that accepts responsibility for payment of all charges applicable under the tariff or service contract.
(u) Small shipment refers to a single shipment sent by one consignor to one consignee on one bill of lading which does not exceed the underlying common carrier's minimum charge rule.
(v) Special contract is a contract for freight forwarding services which provides for a periodic lump sum fee.
§ 515.3 License; when required.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, no person in the United States may act as an ocean transportation intermediary unless that person holds a valid license issued by the Commission. A separate license is required for each branch office that is separately incorporated. For purposes of this part, a person is considered to be “in the United States” if such person is resident in, or incorporated or established under, the laws of the United States. Only persons licensed under this part may furnish or contract to furnish ocean transportation intermediary services in the United States on behalf of an unlicensed ocean transportation intermediary.

§ 515.4 License; when not required.

A license is not required in the following circumstances:

(a) Shipper. Any person whose primary business is the sale of merchandise may, without a license, dispatch and perform freight forwarding services on behalf of its own shipments, or on behalf of shipments or consolidated shipments of a parent, subsidiary, affiliate, or associated company. Such person shall not receive compensation from the common carrier for any services rendered in connection with such shipments.

(b) Employee or branch office of licensed ocean transportation intermediary.

(c) An individual employee or unincorporated branch office of a licensed ocean transportation intermediary is not required to be licensed in order to act solely for such licensee, provided that such branch offices:

(i) Have been reported to the Commission in writing; and

(ii) Are covered by increased financial responsibility in accordance with § 515.21(a)(4).

(d) Each licensed ocean transportation intermediary will be held strictly responsible for the acts or omissions of any of its employees or agents rendered in connection with the conduct of its business.

(e) Common carrier. A common carrier, or agent thereof, may perform ocean freight forwarding services without a license only with respect to cargo carried under such carrier’s own bill of lading. Charges for such forwarding services shall be assessed in conformance with the carrier’s published tariffs.

(f) Ocean freight brokers. An ocean freight broker is not required to be licensed to perform those services specified in § 515.2(n).

(g) Federal military and civilian household goods. Any person which exclusively transports used household goods and personal effects for the account of the Department of Defense, or for the account of the federal civilian executive agencies shipping under the International Household Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration, or both, is not subject to the requirements of subpart B of this part, but may be subject to other requirements, such as alternative surety bonding, imposed by the Department of Defense, or the General Services Administration.

§ 515.5 Forms and Fees.

(a) Forms. License form FMC-18 Rev., and financial responsibility forms FMC-48, FMC-67, FMC-68, and FMC-69 may be obtained from the Commission’s website at www.fmc.gov, the Director,
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§ 515.11 Basic requirements for licensing; eligibility.

(a) Necessary qualifications. To be eligible for an ocean transportation intermediary license, the applicant must demonstrate to the Commission that:

(1) It possesses the necessary experience, that is, its qualifying individual has a minimum of three (3) years experience in ocean transportation intermediary activities in the United States, and the necessary character to render ocean transportation intermediary services. A foreign NVOCC seeking to be licensed under this part must demonstrate that its qualifying individual has a minimum 3 years’ experience in ocean transportation intermediary activities, and the necessary character to render ocean transportation intermediary services; and

(2) It has obtained and filed with the Commission a valid bond, proof of insurance, or other surety in conformance with §515.21.

(3) An NVOCC with a tariff and proof of financial responsibility in effect as of April 30, 1999, may continue to operate as an NVOCC without the requisite three years’ experience and necessary character to render ocean transportation intermediary services and will be provisionally licensed while the Commission reviews its application. Such person designated as the qualifying individual for a provisionally licensed NVOCC may not act as a qualifying individual for another ocean transportation intermediary until it has obtained the necessary three years’ experience in ocean transportation intermediary services.

(b) Qualifying individual. The following individuals must qualify the applicant for a license:

(1) Sole proprietorship. The applicant sole proprietor.

(2) Partnership. At least one of the active managing partners, but all partners must execute the application.

(3) Corporation. At least one of the active corporate officers.

(c) Affiliates of intermediaries. An independently qualified applicant may be granted a separate license to carry on the business of providing ocean transportation intermediary services even though it is associated with, under common control with, or otherwise related to another ocean transportation intermediary through stock ownership or common directors or officers, if such applicant submits: a separate application and fee, and a valid instrument of financial responsibility in the form and amount prescribed under §515.21. The qualifying individual of one active licensee shall not also be designated contemporaneously as the qualifying individual of an applicant for another ocean transportation intermediary license, except for a separately incorporated branch office.

(d) Common carrier. A common carrier or agent thereof which meets the requirements of this part may be licensed to dispatch shipments moving on other than such carrier’s own bills of lading subject to the provisions of §515.42(g).

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§ 515.12 Application for license.

(a) Application and forms. Any person who wishes to obtain a license to operate as an ocean transportation intermediary shall submit, in duplicate, to the Director of the Commission’s Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, a completed application Form
\section*{\$515.13 Investigation of applicants.}

The Commission shall conduct an investigation of the applicant's qualifications for a license. Such investigations may address:

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  \item[(a)] The accuracy of the information submitted in the application;
  \item[(b)] The integrity and financial responsibility of the applicant;
  \item[(c)] The character of the applicant and its qualifying individual; and
  \item[(d)] The length and nature of the qualifying individual's experience in handling ocean transportation intermediary duties.
\end{itemize}

\section*{\$515.14 Issuance and use of license.}

\subsection*{(a) Qualification necessary for issuance.} The Commission will issue a license if it determines, as a result of its investigation, that the applicant possesses the necessary experience and character to render ocean transportation intermediary services and has filed the required bond, insurance or other surety.

\subsection*{(b) To whom issued.} The Commission will issue a license only in the name of the applicant, whether the applicant is a sole proprietorship, a partnership, or a corporation. A license issued to a sole proprietor doing business under a trade name shall be in the name of the sole proprietor, indicating the trade name under which the licensee will be conducting business. Only one license shall be issued to any applicant regardless of the number of names under which such applicant may be doing business, and except as otherwise provided in this part, such license is limited exclusively to use by the named licensee and shall not be transferred without prior Commission approval to another person.

\section*{\$515.15 Denial of license.}

If the Commission determines, as a result of its investigation, that the applicant:

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  \item[(a)] Does not possess the necessary experience or character to render intermediary services;
  \item[(b)] Has failed to respond to any lawful inquiry of the Commission; or
  \item[(c)] Has made any materially false or misleading statement to the Commission in connection with its application; then, a letter of intent to deny the application shall be sent to the applicant by certified U.S. mail or other method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice, stating the reason(s) why the Commission intends to deny the application. If the applicant submits a written request for hearing on the proposed denial within twenty (20) days after receipt of notification, such hearing shall
§ 515.18 Changes in organization.

(a) The following changes in an existing licensee's organization require prior approval of the Commission, and application for such status change or license transfer shall be made on Form FMC-18 Rev., filed in duplicate with the Commission's Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, and accompanied by the fee required under §515.5(b)(2):

1. Transfer of a corporate license to another person;
2. Change in ownership of a sole proprietorship;
3. Addition of one or more partners to a licensed partnership;
4. Any change in the business structure of a licensee from or to a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation, whether or not such change involves a change in ownership;
5. Any change in a licensee's name; or
6. Change in the identity or status of the designated qualifying individual, except as described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) Operation after death of sole proprietor. In the event the owner of a licensed sole proprietorship dies, the licensee's executor, administrator, heir(s), or assign(s) may continue operation of such proprietorship solely with respect to shipments for which the deceased sole proprietor had undertaken to act as an ocean transportation intermediary pursuant to the existing license, if the death is reported within 30 days to the Commission and to all principals and shippers for whom services on such shipments are to be rendered. The acceptance or solicitation of any other shipments is expressly prohibited until a new license has been issued. Applications for a new license by the executor, administrator, heir(s), or assign(s) shall be made on Form FMC-18 Rev., and shall be accompanied by the transfer fee required under §515.5(b)(2).

(c) Operation after retirement, resignation, or death of qualifying individual. When a partnership or corporation has been licensed on the basis of the qualifications of one or more of the partners or officers thereof, and such qualifying individual(s) no longer serve in a full-time, active capacity with the firm,
§ 515.21 Financial responsibility requirements.

(a) Form and amount. Except as otherwise provided in this part, no person may operate as an ocean transportation intermediary unless that person furnishes a bond, proof of insurance, or other surety in a form and amount determined by the Commission to insure financial responsibility. The bond, insurance or other surety covers the transportation-related activities of an ocean transportation intermediary only when acting as an ocean transportation intermediary.

(1) Any person operating in the United States as an ocean freight forwarder as defined by § 515.2(o)(1) shall furnish evidence of financial responsibility in the amount of $50,000.

(2) Any person operating in the United States as an NVOCC as defined by § 515.2(o)(2) shall furnish evidence of financial responsibility in the amount of $75,000.

(3) Any unlicensed foreign-based entity, not operating in the United States as defined in § 515.3, providing ocean transportation intermediary services for transportation to or from the United States, shall furnish evidence of financial responsibility in the amount of $150,000. Such foreign entity will be held strictly responsible hereunder for the acts or omissions of its agent in the United States.

(4) The amount of the financial responsibility required to be furnished by any entity pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section shall be increased by $10,000 for each of the applicant's unincorporated branch offices.

(b) Group financial responsibility. Where a group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries accepts liability for an ocean transportation intermediary's financial responsibility for such ocean transportation intermediary's transportation-related activities under the Act, the group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries must file either a group supplemental coverage bond form, insurance form or guaranty form, clearly identifying each ocean transportation intermediary covered, before a covered ocean transportation intermediary may provide ocean transportation intermediary services. In such cases a group or association must establish financial responsibility in an amount equal to the lesser of the amount required by paragraph (a) of this section for each member or $3,000,000 in aggregate.
(c) Common trade name. Where more than one person operates under a common trade name, separate proof of financial responsibility is required covering each corporation or person separately providing ocean transportation intermediary services.

(d) Federal military and civilian household goods. Any person which exclusively transports used household goods and personal effects for the account of the Department of Defense, or for the account of the federal civilian executive agencies shipping under the International Household Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration, or both, is not subject to the requirements of subpart C of this part, but may be subject to other requirements, such as alternative surety bonding, imposed by the Department of Defense, or the General Services Administration.

§ 515.22 Proof of financial responsibility.

Prior to the date it commences furnishing ocean transportation intermediary services, every ocean transportation intermediary shall establish its financial responsibility for the purpose of this part by one of the following methods:

(a) Surety bond, by filing with the Commission a valid bond on Form FMC-48. Bonds must be issued by a surety company found acceptable by the Secretary of the Treasury;

(b) Insurance, by filing with the Commission evidence of insurance on Form FMC-67. The insurance must provide coverage for damages, reparations or penalties arising from any transportation-related activities under the Act of the insured ocean transportation intermediary. This evidence of financial responsibility shall be accompanied by: in the case of a financial rating, the Insurer's financial rating on the rating organization's letterhead or designated form; in the case of insurance provided by Underwriters at Lloyd's, documentation verifying membership in Lloyd's; and in the case of a guaranty provided by surplus lines insurers, documentation verifying inclusion on a current “white list” issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Insurer must certify that it has sufficient and acceptable assets located in the United States to cover all damages arising from the transportation-related activities of the insured ocean transportation intermediary as specified under the Act. The insurance must be placed with:

(1) An Insurer having a financial rating of Class V or higher under the Financial Size Categories of A.M. Best & Company, or equivalent from an acceptable international rating organization;

(2) Underwriters at Lloyd's; or

(3) Surplus lines insurers named on a current “white list” issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; or

(c) Guaranty, by filing with the Commission evidence of guaranty on Form FMC-68. The guaranty must provide coverage for damages, reparations or penalties arising from any transportation-related activities under the Act of the covered ocean transportation intermediary. This evidence of financial responsibility shall be accompanied by: in the case of a financial rating, the Guarantor's financial rating on the rating organization's letterhead or designated form; in the case of a guaranty provided by Underwriters at Lloyd's, documentation verifying membership in Lloyd's; and in the case of a guaranty provided by surplus lines insurers, documentation verifying inclusion on a current “white list” issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Guarantor must certify that it has sufficient and acceptable assets located in the United States to cover all damages arising from the transportation-related activities of the covered ocean transportation intermediary as specified under the Act. The guaranty must be placed with:

(1) A Guarantor having a financial rating of Class V or higher under the Financial Size Categories of A.M. Best & Company, or equivalent from an acceptable international rating organization;

(2) Underwriters at Lloyd's; or
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(3) Surplus lines insurers named on a current "white list" issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; or

(d) Evidence of financial responsibility of the type provided for in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section established through and filed with the Commission by a group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries on behalf of its members, subject to the following conditions and procedures:

(1) Each group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries shall notify the Commission of its intention to participate in such a program and furnish documentation as will demonstrate its authenticity and authority to represent its members, such as articles of incorporation, by-laws, etc.;

(2) Each group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries shall provide the Commission with a list certified by its Chief Executive Officer containing the names of those ocean transportation intermediaries to which it will provide coverage; the manner and amount of existing coverage each covered ocean transportation intermediary has; an indication that the existing coverage provided each ocean transportation intermediary is provided by a surety bond issued by a surety company found acceptable to the Secretary of the Treasury, or by insurance or guaranty issued by a firm meeting the requirements of paragraphs (b) or (c) of this section with coverage limits specified above in § 515.21; and the name, address and facsimile number of each surety, insurer or guarantor providing coverage pursuant to this section. Each group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries shall be responsible for requiring each member ocean transportation intermediary to provide it with valid proof of financial responsibility annually;

(3) The group or association shall provide the Commission with a sample copy of each type of existing financial responsibility coverage used by member ocean transportation intermediaries;

(4) Each group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries shall be responsible for ensuring that each member's financial responsibility coverage allows for claims to be made in the United States against the Surety, Insurer or Guarantor for any judgment for damages against the ocean transportation intermediary arising from its transportation-related activities under the Act, or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the Act, or any penalty assessed against the ocean transportation intermediary pursuant to section 13 of the Act. Each group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries shall be responsible for requiring each member ocean transportation intermediary to provide it with valid proof of financial responsibility annually;

(5) Where the group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries determines to secure on behalf of its members other forms of financial responsibility, as specified by this section, for damages, reparations or penalties not covered by a member's individual financial responsibility coverage, such additional coverage must:

(i) Allow claims to be made in the United States directly against the group or association's Surety, Insurer or Guarantor for damages against each covered member ocean transportation intermediary arising from each covered member ocean transportation intermediary's transportation-related activities under the Act, or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the Act, or any penalty assessed against each covered member ocean transportation intermediary pursuant to section 13 of the Act; and

(ii) Be for an amount up to the amount determined in accordance with § 515.21(b), taking into account a member's individual financial responsibility coverage already in place. In the event of a claim against a group bond, the bond must be replenished up to the original amount of coverage within 30 days of payment of the claim; and

(iii) Be in excess of a member's individual financial responsibility coverage already in place; and

(6) The coverage provided by the group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries on behalf of its members shall be provided by:

(i) In the case of a surety bond, a surety company found acceptable to the
§ 515.24 Agent for service of process.

(a) Every ocean transportation intermediary not located in the United States and every group or association of ocean transportation intermediaries not located in the United States which provides financial coverage for the financial responsibility of a member ocean transportation intermediary shall designate and maintain a person in the United States as legal agent for the receipt of judicial and administrative process, including subpoenas.

§ 515.23 Claims against an ocean transportation intermediary.

The Commission or another party may seek payment from the bond, insurance, or other surety that is obtained by an ocean transportation intermediary pursuant to this section.

(a) Payment pursuant to Commission order. If the Commission issues an order for reparation pursuant to sections 11 or 14 of the Act, or assesses a penalty pursuant to section 13 of the Act, a bond, insurance, or other surety shall be available to pay such order or penalty.

(b) Payment pursuant to a claim. (1) If a party does not file a complaint with the Commission pursuant to section 11 of the Act, but otherwise seeks to pursue a claim against an ocean transportation intermediary bond, insurance or other surety for damages arising from its transportation-related activities, it shall attempt to resolve its claim with the financial responsibility provider prior to seeking payment on any judgment for damages obtained. When a claimant seeks payment under this section, it simultaneously shall notify both the financial responsibility provider and the ocean transportation intermediary of the claim by certified mail, return receipt requested. The bond, insurance, or other surety may be available to pay such claim if:

(i) The ocean transportation intermediary consents to payment, subject to review by the financial responsibility provider; or

(ii) The ocean transportation intermediary fails to respond within forty-five (45) days from the date of the notice of the claim to address the validity of the claim, and the financial responsibility provider deems the claim valid.

(2) If the parties fail to reach an agreement in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section within ninety (90) days of the date of the initial notification of the claim, the bond, insurance, or other surety shall be available to pay any judgment for damages obtained from an appropriate court. The financial responsibility provider shall pay such judgment for damages only to the extent they arise from the transportation-related activities of the ocean transportation intermediary ordinarily within 30 days, without requiring further evidence related to the validity of the claim; it may, however, inquire into the extent to which the judgment for damages arises from the ocean transportation intermediary's transportation-related activities.

(c) The Federal Maritime Commission shall not serve as depository or distributor to third parties of bond, guaranty, or insurance funds in the event of any claim, judgment, or order for reparation.

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Secretary of the Treasury and issued by such a surety company on Form FMC-69, and

(ii) in the case of insurance and guaranty, a firm having a financial rating of Class V or higher under the Financial Size Categories of A.M. Best & Company or equivalent from an acceptable international rating organization, Underwriters at Lloyd's, or surplus line insurers named on a current “white list” issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers' Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and issued by such firms on Form FMC-67 and Form FMC-68, respectively.

(e) All forms and documents for establishing financial responsibility of ocean transportation intermediaries prescribed in this section shall be submitted to the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. Such forms and documents must clearly identify the name, trade name, if any; and the address of each ocean transportation intermediary.
§ 515.25 Filing of proof of financial responsibility.

(a) Filing of proof of financial responsibility. Upon notification by the Commission of its approval of the application for a license, the applicant shall file with the Director of the Commission's Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, proof of financial responsibility in the form and amount prescribed in § 515.21. No tariff shall be published until a license is issued, if applicable, and proof of financial responsibility is provided. No license will be issued until the Commission is in receipt of valid proof of financial responsibility from the applicant. If more than six (6) months elapse between issuance of the notification of qualification and receipt of the proof of financial responsibility, the Commission may, at its discretion, undertake a supplementary investigation to determine the applicant's qualification for a license, for which a fee is required under § 515.5(b)(3). Should the applicant not file the requisite proof of financial responsibility within two (2) years of notification, the Commission will consider the application to be invalid.

(b) Branch offices. New proof of financial responsibility, or a rider to the existing proof of financial responsibility, increasing the amount of the financial responsibility in accordance with § 515.21(a)(4), shall be filed with the Commission prior to the date the licensee commences operation of any branch office. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in revocation of the license.
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known by the carrier to be an NV OCC unless the carrier has determined that the NV OCC has a tariff and financial responsibility as required by sections 8 and 19 of the Act.

(b) A common carrier can obtain proof of an NV OCC's compliance with the tariff and financial responsibility requirements by:

1. Reviewing a copy of the tariff published by the NV OCC and in effect under part 520 of this chapter;
2. Consulting the Commission to verify that the NV OCC has filed evidence of its financial responsibility; or
3. Any other appropriate procedure, provided that such procedure is set forth in the carrier's tariff.

(c) A common carrier that has employed the procedure prescribed in either paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section shall be deemed to have met its obligations under section 10(b)(1) of the Act, unless the common carrier knew that such NV OCC was not in compliance with the tariff and financial responsibility requirements.

(d) The Commission will publish at its website, www.fmc.gov, a list of the locations of all carrier and conference tariffs, and a list of ocean transportation intermediaries who have furnished the Commission with evidence of financial responsibility, current as of the last date on which the list is updated. The Commission will update this list on a periodic basis.

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART C—OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY (OTI) BOND FORM [FORM 48]

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Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) Bond (Section 19, Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 ("1984 Act").

Now, Therefore, The condition of this obligation is that the penalty amount of this bond shall be paid to the agent or any person who has been paid or benefited by the person in whose favor this bond shall be payable.

This bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons who have obtained a judgment or settlement made pursuant to a claim under 46 CFR §515.23(b) for damages against the Principal arising from its transportation-related activities or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1710, or any penalty assessed against the Principal pursuant to section 13 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1712.

This bond shall continue in effect until discharged or terminated as herein provided. The Principal or the Surety may at any time terminate this bond by written notice to the Federal Maritime Commission at its office in Washington, DC. Such termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice by the Commission. The Surety shall not be liable for any transportation-related activities or order of transportation-related activities or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act, and to the benefit of the Federal Maritime Commission for any penalty assessed against the Principal pursuant to section 13 of the 1984 Act. However, the bond shall not apply to shipments of used household goods and personal effects for the account of the Department of Defense or the account of federal civil or executive agencies shipping under the International House- hold Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration.

The liability of the Surety shall not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments hereunder, unless and until such payment or payments shall aggregate the penalty of this bond, and in no event shall the Surety's total obligation hereunder exceed said penalty regardless of the number of claims or claimants.

This bond is effective the day of and shall continue in effect until discharged or terminated as herein provided. The Principal or the Surety may at any time terminate this bond by written notice to the Federal Maritime Commission at its office in Washington, DC. Such termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice by the Commission. The Surety shall not be liable for any transportation-related activities of the Principal after the expiration of the 30-day period but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Principal and Surety for any event occurring prior to the date when said termination becomes effective.

The Surety consents to be sued directly in respect of any bona fide claim owed by Principal for damages, reparations or penalties
arising from the transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act of Principal in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the Principal or Surety after a claimant has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the Principal from a United States Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction and has complied with the procedures for collecting on such a judgment pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), the Federal Maritime Commission, or where all parties and claimants otherwise mutually consent, from a foreign court, or where such claimant has become entitled to payment of a specified sum by virtue of a compromise settlement agreement made with the Principal and/or Surety pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), whereby, upon payment of the agreed sum, the Surety is to be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally discharged from all further liability to such claimant; provided, however, that Surety's total obliga-

tion hereunder shall not exceed the amount set forth in 46 CFR §515.22, as applicable.

The underwriting Surety will promptly notify the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, of any claim(s) against this bond. Signed and sealed this __________ day of ______________, __________.

(Please type name of signer under each signature.)

Individual Principal or Partner
Business Address

Individual Principal or Partner
Business Address

Individual Principal or Partner
Business Address
Trade Name, If Any

Corporate Principal
State of Incorporation
Trade Name, If Any

Business Address

By

Title
(Affix Corporate Seal)

Corporate Surety

Business Address

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APPENDIX B TO SUBPART C—OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY (OTI) INSURANCE FORM [FORM 67]

Form FMC–67

Federal Maritime Commission
Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) Insurance

Form Furnished as Evidence of Financial Responsibility

Under 46 U.S.C. app. 1718

This is to certify, that the (Name of Insurance Company), (hereinafter "Insurer") of (Home Office Address of Company) has issued to (OTI or Group or Association of OTIs) (Indicate whether NV OCC(s) or Freight Forwarder(s)) (hereinafter "Insured") of (Address of OTI or Group or Association of OTIs), a policy or policies of insurance for purposes of complying with the provisions of 46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and the rules and regulations, as amended, of the Federal Maritime Commission, which provide compensation for damages, reparations or penalties arising from the transportation-related activities of Insured, and made pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 ("1984 Act").

Whereas, the Insured is or may become an OTI subject to the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1701 et seq., and the rules and regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission, or is or may become a group or association of OTIs, and desires to establish financial responsibility in accordance with section 19 of the 1984 Act, files with the Commission this Insurance Form as evidence of its financial responsibility and evidence of a financial rating for the Insurer of Class V or higher under the Financial Size Categories of A.M. Best & Company or equivalent from an acceptable international rating organization on such organization’s letterhead or designated form, or, in the case of insurance provided by Underwriters at Lloyd’s, documentation verifying membership in Lloyd’s, or, in the case of surplus lines insurers, documentation verifying inclusion on a current “white list” issued by the Non-Admitted Insurers’ Information Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Whereas, the Insurance is written to assure compliance by the Insured with section 19 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1718, and the rules and regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission relating to evidence of financial responsibility for OTIs, this Insurance shall
The liability of the Insurer shall not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments hereunder, unless and until such payment or payments shall aggregate the penalty of the Insurance in the amount per member OTI set forth in 46 CFR §515.24(b) or the amount per group or association of OTIs set forth in 46 CFR §515.21, regardless of the financial responsibility or lack thereof, or the solvency or bankruptcy, of Insured.

The evidence insured by this undertaking shall be applicable only in relation to incidents occurring on or after the effective date and before the date termination of this undertaking becomes effective. The effective date of this undertaking shall be the date when said termination becomes effective at thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice by the Commission. The Insurer shall not be liable for any transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act of the Insured after the expiration of the 30-day period but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Insured and Insurer for such activities occurring prior to the date when said termination becomes effective.

Insurer or Insured shall immediately give notice to the Federal Maritime Commission of all lawsuits filed, judgments rendered, and payments made under the insurance policy.

(Name of Agent) domiciled in the United States, with offices located in the United States, at Washington, D.C. Such termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice by the Commission. The Insurer or the Insured may at any time terminate the Insurance by filing a notice in writing with the Federal Maritime Commission at its office in Washington, D.C. Such termination shall become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice by the Commission. The Insurer shall not be liable for any transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act of the Insured after the expiration of the 30-day period but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Insured and Insurer for such activities occurring prior to the date when said termination becomes effective.

If more than one insurer joins in executing this document, that action constitutes joint and several liability on the part of the insurers.

The Insurer will promptly notify the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Gized by Tariffs and Licensing, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, of any claim(s) against the Insurance.

Signed and sealed this day of , 19__ .

Type Name and Title of signer

This Insurance Form has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission.
Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998

Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Transportation-Related Activities Under the Intermediary (OTI) Liability for Damages

1. Where as (Name of Applicant [indicate whether NVOCC or Freight Forwarder]) hereinafter "Applicant") is or may become an Ocean Transportation Intermediate ("OTI") subject to the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998.

2. Now, Therefore, The condition of this obligation is that the penalty amount of such Guaranty shall be available to pay any judgment obtained or any settlement made pursuant to a claim under 46 CFR §515.23(b) for damages against the Applicant arising from the Applicant’s transportation-related activities or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1710, or any penalty assessed against the Applicant pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission.

3. The undersigned Guarantor hereby consents to be sued directly in respect of any bona fide claim owed by Applicant for damages, reparations or penalties arising from Applicant’s transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the Applicant after any such claim has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the Applicant from a United States Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction and has complied with the procedures for collecting on such a judgment pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), the FMC, or where all parties and claimants otherwise mutually consent, from a foreign court, or where such claimant has become entitled to payment of a specified sum by virtue of a compromise settlement agreement made with the Applicant and/or Guarantor pursuant to 46 CFR §515.23(b), whereby, upon payment of the agreed sum, the Guarantor is to be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally discharged from all further liability to such claimant.

4. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty in respect to any claimant shall not exceed the amount of the guaranty; and the aggregate amount of the Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall not exceed the amount per OTI set forth in 46 CFR §515.21 or the amount per group or association of OTIs set forth in 46 CFR §515.21 in aggregate.

5. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall attach only in respect of such activities giving rise to a cause of action against the Applicant, in respect of any of its transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, occurring after the Guaranty has become effective, and before the expiration date of this Guaranty, which shall be the date thirty (30) days after the date of receipt by FMC of notice in writing that either Applicant or the Guarantor has elected to terminate this Guaranty. The Guarantor and/or Applicant specifically agree to file such written notice of cancellation.

6. Guarantor shall not be liable for payments of any of the damages, reparations or penalties hereinbefore described which arise as the result of any transportation-related activities of Applicant after the cancellation of the Guaranty, as herein provided, but such cancellation shall not affect the liability of the Guarantor for the payment of any such damages, reparations or penalties prior to the date such cancellation becomes effective.

7. Guarantor shall pay, subject to the limit of the amount per OTI set forth in 46 CFR §515.21, directly to a claimant any sum or sums which Guarantor, in good faith, determines that the Applicant has failed to pay...
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and would be held legally liable by reason of Applicant’s transportation-related activities, or its legal responsibilities under the 1984 Act and the rules and regulations of the FMC, made by Applicant while this agreement is in effect, regardless of the financial responsibility or lack thereof, or the solvency or bankruptcy of Applicant.

8. Applicant or Guarantor shall immediately give written notice to the FMC of all lawsuits filed, judgments rendered, and payments made under the Guaranty.

9. Applicant and Guarantor agree to handle the processing and adjudication of claims by claimants under the Guaranty established herein in the United States, unless by mutual consent of all parties and claimants another country is agreed upon. Guarantor agrees to appoint an agent for service of process in the United States.

10. This Guaranty shall be governed by the laws in the State of to the extent not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the FMC.

11. This Guaranty is effective the day of 12:01 a.m., standard time at the address of the Guarantor as stated herein and shall continue in force until terminated as herein provided.

The Guarantor hereby designates as the Guarantor’s legal agent for service of process domiciled in the United States , with offices located in the United States for the purposes of enforcing the Guaranty described herein.

(Place and Date of Execution)

(Type Name of Guarantor)

By

(Signature and Title)

APPENDIX D TO SUBPART C—OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY (OTI) GROUP BOND FORM [FMC-69]

Federal Maritime Commission

Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) Group Supplemental Coverage Bond Form (Section 19, Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998)

[Indicate whether NVOCs or Freight Forwarders], as Principal (hereinafter “Principal”), and Surety (hereinafter “Surety”) are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of $ for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

Whereas, (Principal) operates as a group or association of OTIs in the United States and pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998 (“1984 Act”), files this bond with the Federal Maritime Commission;

Now, therefore, the conditions of this obligation are that the penalty amount of this bond shall be available to pay any judgment obtained or any settlement made pursuant to a claim under 46 CFR § 515.23(b) against the OTIs enumerated in Appendix A of this bond for damages arising from any or all of the identified OTIs’ transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1701 et seq., or order for reparations issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1710, or any penalty assessed pursuant to section 13 of the 1984 Act, 46 U.S.C. app. 1712, that are not covered by the identified OTIs’ individual insurance policy(ies), guaranty(ies) or surety bond(s).

This bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons who have obtained a judgment or made a settlement pursuant to a claim under 46 CFR § 515.23(b) for damages against any or all of the OTIs identified in Appendix A not covered by said OTIs’ insurance policy(ies), guaranty(ies) or surety bond(s) arising from said OTIs’ transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act, or order for reparation issued pursuant to section 11 of the 1984 Act, and to the benefit of the Federal Maritime Commission for any penalty assessed against said OTIs pursuant to section 13 of the 1984 Act. However, the bond shall not apply to shipments of used household goods and personal effects for the account of the Department of Defense or the account of federal civilian executive agencies shipping under the International House- hold Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration.

The Surety consents to be sued directly in respect of any bona fide claim owed by any or all of the OTIs identified in Appendix A for damages, reparations or penalties arising from the transportation-related activities under the 1984 Act of the OTIs in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the OTIs or Surety after a claimant has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the OTIs from a United States Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction and has complied with the procedures for collecting on such a judgment pursuant to 46 CFR § 515.23(b), the Federal Maritime Commission, or where all parties and claimants otherwise mutually consent, from

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§ 515.31 General duties.

(a) License; name and number. Each licensee shall carry on its business only under the name in which its license is issued and only under its license number as assigned by the Commission. When the licensee's name appears on shipping documents, its Commission license number shall also be included.

(b) Stationery and billing forms. The name and license number of each licensee shall be permanently imprinted
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§ 515.32 Freight forwarder duties.

(a) Notice of shipper affiliation. When a licensed freight forwarder is a shipper or seller of goods in international commerce or affiliated with such an entity, the licensed freight forwarder shall have the option of:

(1) Identifying itself as such and/or, where applicable, listing its affiliates on its office stationery and billing forms, or

(2) Including the following notice on such items:

(f) Errors and omissions of the principal or shipper. A licensee who has reason to believe that its principal or shipper has not, with respect to a shipment to be handled by such licensee, complied with the laws of the United States, or has made any error or misrepresentation in, or omission from, any export declaration, bill of lading, affidavit, or other document which the principal or shipper executes in connection with such shipment, shall advise its principal or shipper promptly of the suspected noncompliance, error, misrepresentation or omission, and shall decline to participate in any transaction involving such document until the matter is properly and lawfully resolved.

(g) Response to requests of Commission. Upon the request of any authorized representative of the Commission, a licensee shall make available promptly for inspection or reproduction all records and books of account in connection with its ocean transportation intermediary business, and shall respond promptly to any lawful inquiries by such representative.

(h) Express written authority. No licensee shall endorse or negotiate any draft, check, or warrant drawn to the order of its principal or shipper without the express written authority of such principal or shipper.

(i) Accounting to principal or shipper. Each licensee shall account to its principal(s) or shipper(s) for overpayments, adjustments of charges, reductions in rates, insurance refunds, insurance monies received for claims, proceeds of C.O.D. shipments, drafts, letters of credit, and any other sums due such principal(s) or shipper(s).

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(2) Including the following notice on such items:

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§ 515.33 Records required to be kept.

Each licensed freight forwarder shall maintain in an orderly and systematic manner, and keep current and correct, all records and books of account in connection with its forwarding business. These records must be kept in the United States in such manner as to enable authorized Commission personnel to readily determine the licensed freight forwarder's cash position, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The licensed freight forwarder may maintain these records in either paper or electronic form, which shall be readily available in usable form to the Commission; the electronically maintained records shall be no less accessible than if they were maintained in paper form. These recordkeeping requirements are independent of the retention requirements of other federal agencies. The licensed freight forwarder must maintain the following records for a period of five years:

(a) General financial data. A current running account of all receipts and disbursements, accounts receivable and payable, and daily cash balances, supported by appropriate books of account, bank deposit slips, canceled checks, and monthly reconciliation of bank statements.

(b) Types of services by shipment. A separate file shall be maintained for each shipment. Each file shall include a copy of each document prepared, processed, or obtained by the licensee, including each invoice for any service arranged by the licensee and performed by others, with respect to such shipment.

(c) Receipts and disbursements by shipment. A record of all sums received and/or disbursed by the licensee for services rendered and out-of-pocket expenses advanced in connection with each shipment, including specific dates and amounts.

(d) Special contracts. A true copy, or if oral, a true and complete memorandum, of every special arrangement or contract between a licensed freight forwarder and a principal, or modification or cancellation thereof. Bona fide shippers shall also have access to such records upon reasonable request.

§ 515.34 Regulated Persons Index.

The Regulated Persons Index is a database containing the names, addresses, phone/fax numbers and financial responsibility information, where applicable, of Commission-regulated entities. The database may be purchased for $84 by contacting Bureau of...
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Subpart E—Freight Forwarding Fees and Compensation

§ 515.41 Forwarder and principal; fees.

(a) Compensation or fee sharing. No licensed freight forwarder shall share, directly or indirectly, any compensation or freight forwarding fee with a shipper, consignee, seller, or purchaser, or an agent, affiliate, or employee thereof; nor with any person advancing the purchase price of the property or guaranteeing payment therefor; nor with any person having a beneficial interest in the shipment.

(b) Receipt for cargo. Each receipt for cargo issued by a licensed freight forwarder shall be clearly identified as “Receipt for Cargo” and be readily distinguishable from a bill of lading.

(c) Special contracts. To the extent that special arrangements or contracts are entered into by a licensed freight forwarder, the forwarder shall not deny equal terms to other shippers similarly situated.

(d) Reduced forwarding fees. No licensed freight forwarder shall render, or offer to render, any freight forwarding service free of charge or at a reduced fee in consideration of receiving compensation from a common carrier or for any other reason.

Exception: A licensed freight forwarder may perform freight forwarding services for recognized relief agencies or charitable organizations, which are designated as such in the tariff of the common carrier, free of charge or at reduced fees.

(e) In-plant arrangements. A licensed freight forwarder may place an employee or employees on the premises of its principal as part of the services rendered to such principal, provided:

1. The in-plant forwarder arrangement is reduced to writing in the manner of a special contract under §515.33(d), which shall identify all services provided by either party (whether or not constituting a freight forwarding service); state the amount of compensation to be received by either party for such services; set forth all details concerning the procurement, maintenance or sharing of office facilities, personnel, furnishings, equipment and supplies; describe all powers of supervision or oversight of the licensee's employee(s) to be exercised by the principal; and detail all procedures for the administration or management of in-plant arrangements between the parties; and

2. The arrangement is not an artifice for a payment or other unlawful benefit to the principal.

§ 515.42 Forwarder and carrier; compensation.

(a) Disclosure of principal. The identity of the shipper must always be disclosed in the shipper identification box on the bill of lading. The licensed freight forwarder’s name may appear with the name of the shipper, but the forwarder must be identified as the shipper’s agent.

(b) Certification required for compensation. A common carrier may pay compensation to a licensed freight forwarder only pursuant to such common carrier’s tariff provisions. Where a common carrier’s tariff provides for the payment of compensation, such compensation shall be paid on any shipment forwarded on behalf of others where the forwarder has provided a written certification as prescribed in paragraph (c) of this section and the shipper has been disclosed on the bill of lading as provided for in paragraph (a) of this section. The common carrier shall be entitled to rely on such certification unless it knows that the certification is incorrect. The common carrier shall retain such certifications for a period of five (5) years.

(c) Form of certification. Where a licensed freight forwarder is entitled to compensation, the forwarder shall provide the common carrier with a signed certification which indicates that the forwarder has performed the required services that entitle it to compensation. The required certification may be placed on one copy of the relevant bill of lading, a summary statement from the forwarder, the forwarder’s compensation invoice, or as an endorsement on the carrier’s compensation
check. Each forwarder shall retain evidence in its shipment files that the forwarder, in fact, has performed the required services enumerated on the certification. The certification shall read as follows:

The undersigned hereby certifies that neither it nor any holding company, subsidiary, affiliate, officer, director, agent or executive of the undersigned has a beneficial interest in this shipment; that it is the holder of valid FMC License No., issued by the Federal Maritime Commission and has performed the following services:

(1) Engaged, booked, secured, reserved, or contracted directly with the carrier or its agent for space aboard a vessel or confirmed the availability of that space; and

(2) Prepared and processed the ocean bill of lading, dock receipt, or other similar document with respect to the shipment.

(d) Compensation pursuant to tariff provisions. No licensed freight forwarder, or employee thereof, shall accept compensation from a common carrier which is different from that specifically provided for in the carrier's effective tariff(s). No conference or group of common carriers shall deny in the export commerce of the United States compensation to an ocean freight forwarder or limit that compensation, as provided for by section 19(e)(4) of the Act and 46 CFR part 535.

(e) Electronic data interchange. A licensed freight forwarder may own, operate, or otherwise maintain or supervise an electronic data interchange-based computer system in its forwarding business; however, the forwarder must directly perform value-added services as described in paragraph (c) of this section in order to be entitled to carrier compensation.

(f) Compensation; services performed by underlying carrier; exemptions. No licensed freight forwarder shall charge or collect compensation in the event the underlying common carrier, or its agent, has, at the request of such forwarder, performed any of the forwarding services set forth in §515.2(i), unless such carrier or agent is also a licensed freight forwarder, or unless no other licensed freight forwarder is willing and able to perform such services.

(g) Duplicative compensation. A common carrier shall not pay compensation for the services described in paragraph (c) of this section more than once on the same shipment.

(h) Non-vessel-operating common carriers; compensation. (1) A licensee operating as an NVOCC and a freight forwarder, or a person related thereto, may collect compensation when, and only when, the following certification is made together with the certification required under paragraph (c) of this section:

The undersigned certifies that neither it nor any related person has issued a bill of lading or otherwise undertaken common carrier responsibility as a non-vessel-operating common carrier for the ocean transportation of the shipment covered by this bill of lading.

(2) Whenever a person acts in the capacity of an NVOCC as to any shipment, such person shall not collect compensation, nor shall any underlying ocean common carrier pay compensation to such person, for such shipment.

(i) Compensation; beneficial interest. A licensed freight forwarder may not receive compensation from a common carrier with respect to any shipment in which the forwarder has a beneficial interest or with respect to any shipment in which any holding company, subsidiary, affiliate, officer, director, agent, or executive of such forwarder has a beneficial interest.

§515.91 OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The Commission has received OMB approval for this collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. In accordance with that Act, agencies are required to display a currently valid control number. The valid control number for this collection of information is 3072-0012.

PART 520—CARRIER AUTOMATED TARIFFS

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§ 520.2 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this part:

*Act* means the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998.

Amendment means any change, alteration, correction or modification of an existing tariff.

Assessorial charge means the amount that is added to the basic ocean freight rate.

BTCL means the Commission's Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing or its successor bureau.

Bulk cargo means cargo that is loaded and carried in bulk without mark or count in a loose unpackaged form, having homogeneous characteristics. Bulk cargo loaded into intermodal equipment, except LASH or Seabee barges, is subject to mark and count and is, therefore, subject to the requirements of this part.

Co-loading means the combining of cargo by two or more NVOCCs for tendering to an ocean common carrier under the name of one or more of the NVOCCs.

Combination rate means a rate for a shipment moving under intermodal transportation which is computed by the addition of a TRI, and an inland rate applicable from/to inland points not covered by the TRI.

Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

Commodity description means a comprehensive description of a commodity listed in a tariff, including a brief definition of the commodity.

Commodity description number means a number that may be used to identify a commodity description.

Commodity index means an index of the commodity descriptions contained in a tariff.

Commodity rate means a rate for shipping to or from specific locations a commodity or commodities specifically named or described in the tariff in which the rate or rates are published.

Common carrier means a person holding itself out to the general public to provide transportation by water of cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation that:

(1) Assumes responsibility for the transportation from port or point of receipt to the port or point of destination; and

(2) Utilizes, for all or part of that transportation, a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a port in the United States and
a port in a foreign country, except that the term does not include a common carrier engaged in ocean transportation by ferry boat, ocean tramp, or chemical parcel tanker or by a vessel when primarily engaged in the carriage of perishable agricultural commodities:

1. If the common carrier and the owner of those commodities are wholly-owned, directly or indirectly, by a person primarily engaged in the marketing and distribution of those commodities and

2. Only with respect to the carriage of those commodities.

Conference means an agreement between or among two or more ocean common carriers which provides for the fixing of and adherence to uniform tariff rates, charges, practices and conditions of service relating to the receipt, carriage, handling and/or delivery of passengers or cargo for all members, but the term does not include joint service, consortium, pooling, sailing, or transshipment agreements.

Consignee means the recipient of cargo from a shipper; the person to whom a transported commodity is to be delivered.

Container means a demountable and reusable freight-carrying unit designed to be transported by different modes of transportation and having construction, fittings, and fastenings able to withstand, without permanent distortion or additional exterior packaging or containment, the normal stresses that apply on continuous all-water and intermodal transportation. The term includes dry cargo, ventilated, insulated, refrigerated, flat rack, vehicle rack, liquid tank, and open-top containers without chassis, but does not include crates, boxes or pallets.

Controlled carrier means an ocean common carrier that is, or whose operating assets are, directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a government; ownership or control by a government shall be deemed to exist with respect to any common carrier if:

1. A majority portion of the interest in the common carrier is owned or controlled in any manner by that government, by an agency thereof, or by any public or private person controlled by that government; or

2. That government has the right to appoint or disapprove the appointment of a majority of the directors, the chief operating officer or the chief executive officer of the common carrier.

Effective date means the date upon which a published tariff or tariff element is scheduled to go into effect. Where there are multiple publications to a tariff element on the same day, the last element published with the same effective date is the one effective for that day.

Expiration date means the last day after which the entire tariff or tariff element is no longer in effect.

Foreign commerce means that commerce under the jurisdiction of the Act.

Forest products means forest products including, but not limited to, lumber in bundles, rough timber, ties, poles, pilings, laminated beams, bundled siding, bundled plywood, bundled core stock or veneers, bundled particle or fiber boards, bundled hardwood, wood pulp in rolls, wood pulp in unitized bales, paper and paper board in rolls or in pallet or skid-sized sheets, liquid or granular by-products derived from pulping and papermaking, and engineered wood products.

Harmonized Code means the coding provisions of the Harmonized System.


Inland point means any city and associated state/province, country, U.S. ZIP code, or U.S. ZIP code range, which lies beyond port terminal areas. (A city may share the name of a port; the immediate ship-side and terminal area is the port, but the rest of the city is considered an inland point.)

Inland rate means a rate specified from/to an ocean port to/from an inland point, for specified modes of overland transportation.

Inland rate table means a structured matrix of geographic inland locations (points, postal codes/postal code
ranges, etc.) on one axis and transportation modes (truck, rail, etc.) on the other axis, with the inland rates specified at the matrix row and column intersections.

Intermodal transportation means continuous through transportation involving more than one mode of service (e.g., ship, rail, motor, air), for pickup and/or delivery at a point beyond the area of the port at which the vessel calls. The term “intermodal transportation” can apply to “through transportation (at through rates)” or transportation on through routes using combination rates.

Joint rates mean rates or charges established by two or more common carriers for ocean transportation over the combined routes of such common carriers.

Local rates mean rates or charges for transportation over the route of a single common carrier (or any one common carrier participating in a conference tariff), the application of which is not contingent upon a prior or subsequent movement.

Location group means a logical collection of geographic points, ports, states/provinces, countries, or combinations thereof, which is primarily used to identify, by location group name, a group that may represent tariff origin and/or destination scope and TRI origin and/or destination.

Loyalty contract means a contract with an ocean common carrier or agreement by which a shipper obtains lower rates by committing all or a fixed portion of its cargo to that carrier or agreement and the contract provides for a deferred rebate arrangement.

Motor vehicle means a wheeled vehicle whose primary purpose is ordinarily the non-commercial transportation of passengers, including an automobile, pickup truck, minivan, or sport utility vehicle.

Ocean common carrier means a vessel-operating common carrier.

Ocean transportation intermediary means an ocean freight forwarder or a non-vessel-operating common carrier. For purposes of this part, (1) Ocean freight forwarder means a person that—

(i) In the United States, dispatches shipments from the United States via a common carrier and books or otherwise arranges space for those shipments on behalf of shippers; and

(ii) Processes the documentation or performs related activities incident to those shipments; and

(2) Non-vessel-operating common carrier (“NVOCC”) means a common carrier that does not operate the vessels by which the ocean transportation is provided, and is a shipper in its relationship with an ocean common carrier.

Open rate means a rate on a specified commodity or commodities over which a conference relinquishes or suspends its ratemaking authority in whole or in part, thereby permitting each individual ocean common carrier member of the conference to fix its own rate on such commodity or commodities.

Organization name means an entity’s name on file with the Commission and for which the Commission assigns an organization number.

Organization record means information regarding an entity, including its name, address, and organization type.

Origin scope means a location group defining the geographic range of cargo origins covered by a tariff.

Person includes individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, companies, corporations, joint stock associations, trustees, receivers, agents, assignees and personal representatives.

Point of rest means that area on the terminal facility which is assigned for the receipt of inbound cargo from the ship and from which inbound cargo may be delivered to the consignee, and that area which is assigned for the receipt of outbound cargo from shippers for vessel loading.

Port means a place at which a common carrier originates or terminates (by transshipment or otherwise) its actual ocean carriage of cargo or passengers as to any particular transportation movement.

Project rates means rates applicable to the transportation of materials and equipment to be employed in the construction or development of a named facility used for a major governmental, charitable, manufacturing, resource
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exploitation and public utility or public service purpose, including disaster relief projects.

Proportional rates means rates or charges assessed by a common carrier for transportation services, the application of which is conditioned upon a prior or subsequent movement.

Publication date means the date a tariff or tariff element is published in a carrier’s or conference’s tariff.

Publisher means an organization authorized to publish or amend tariff information.

Rate means a price stated in a tariff for providing a specified level of transportation service for a stated cargo quantity, from origin to destination, on and after a stated effective date or within a defined time frame.

Retrieval means the process by which a person accesses a tariff via dial-up telecommunications or a network link and interacts with the carrier’s or publisher’s system on a transaction-by-transaction basis to retrieve published tariff matter.

Rules means the stated terms and conditions set by the tariff owner which govern the application of tariff rates, charges and other matters.

Scope means the location group(s) (geographic groupings(s)) listing the ports or ranges of ports to and from which the tariff’s rates apply.

Shipment means all of the cargo carried under the terms of a single bill of lading.

Shipper means:

1. A cargo owner;
2. The person for whose account the ocean transportation is provided;
3. The person to whom delivery is to be made;
4. A shipper’s association; or
5. An NVOCC that accepts responsibility for payment of all charges applicable under the tariff or service contract.

Shippers’ association means a group of shippers that consolidates or distributes freight on a nonprofit basis for the members of the group in order to secure carload, truckload, or other volume rates or service contracts.

Special permission means permission, authorized by the Commission, for certain tariff publications that do not conform with applicable regulations, usually involving effectiveness on less than statutory notice.

Tariff means a publication containing the actual rates, charges, classifications, rules, regulations and practices of a common carrier or a conference of common carriers. The term “practices” refers to those usages, customs or modes of operation which in any way affect, determine or change the transportation rates, charges or services provided by a common carrier or conference and, in the case of conferences, must be restricted to activities authorized by the basic conference agreement.

Tariff number means a unique 3-digit number assigned by the publisher to distinguish it from other tariffs. Tariffs may be identified by the 6-digit organization number plus the user-assigned tariff number (e.g., 999999-001) or a Standard Carrier Alpha Code (“SCAC”) plus the user-assigned tariff number.

Tariff rate item (“TRI”) means a single freight rate, in effect on and after a specific date or for a specific time period, for the transportation of a stated cargo quantity, which may move from origin to destination under a single specified set of transportation conditions, such as container size or temperature.

TRI number means a number that consists of the numeric commodity code, if any, and a unique numeric suffix used to differentiate TRIs within the same commodity description. TRI numbers are not required in systems that do not use numeric commodity coding.

Through rate means the single amount charged by a common carrier in connection with through transportation.

Through transportation means continuous transportation between points of origin and destination, either or both of which lie beyond port terminal areas, for which a through rate is assessed and which is offered or performed by one or more carriers, at least one of which is a common carrier, between a United States point or port and a foreign point or port.

Thru date means the date after which an amendment to a tariff element is
designated by the publisher to be un-
available for use and the previously ef-
fective tariff element automatically
goes back into effect.
Time/volume rate means a rate pub-
lished in a tariff which is conditioned
upon receipt of a specified aggregate
volume of cargo or aggregate freight
revenue over a specified period of time.
Trade name means a name used for
conducting business, but which is not
necessarily its legal name. This is also
known as a “d/b/a” (doing business as)
name.
Transshipment means the physical
transfer of cargo from a vessel of one
carrier to a vessel of another in the
course of all-water or through trans-
portation, where at least one of the ex-
changing carriers is an ocean common
carrier subject to the Commission’s ju-
risdiction.
§ 520.3 Publication responsibilities.
(a) General. Unless otherwise exempt-
ed by §520.13, all common carriers and
conferences shall keep open for public
inspection, in automated tariff sys-
tems, tariffs showing all rates, charges,
classifications, rules, and practices be-
tween all points or ports on their own
routes and on any through transpor-
tation route that has been established.
(b) Conferences. Conferences shall
publish, in their automated tariff sys-
tems, rates offered pursuant to inde-
pendent action by their members and
may publish any open rates offered by
their members. Alternatively, open
rates may be published in individual
tariffs of conference members.
(c) Agents. Common carriers or con-
ferences may use agents to meet their
publication requirements under this
part.
(d) Notification. Each common carrier
and conference shall notify BTCL,
prior to the commencement of common
carrier service pursuant to a published
tariff, of its organization name, organi-
zation number, home office address,
name and telephone number of firm’s
representative, the location of its tar-
fiffs, and the publisher, if any, used to
maintain its tariffs, by electronically
submitting Form FMC-1 via the Com-
mission’s website at www.fmc.gov. Any
changes to the above information shall
be immediately transmitted to BTCL.
The Commission will provide a unique
organization number to new entities
operating as common carriers or con-
ferences in the U.S. foreign commerce.
(e) Location of tariffs. The Commissi-
on will publish on its website,
www.fmc.gov, a list of the locations of
all carrier and conference tariffs. The
Commission will update this list on a
periodic basis.
§ 520.4 Tariff contents.
(a) General. Tariffs published pursu-
ant to this part shall:
(1) State the places between which
cargo will be carried;
(2) List each classification of cargo in
use;
(3) State the level of ocean transpor-
tation intermediary, as defined by sec-
tion 3(17)(A) of the Act, compensation,
if any, to be paid by a carrier or con-
ference;
(4) State separately each terminal or
other charge, privilege, or facility
under the control of the carrier or con-
ference and any rules or regulations
that in any way change, affect, or de-
termine any part of the aggregate of
the rates or charges;
(5) Include sample copies of any bill
of lading, contract of affreightment or
other document evidencing the trans-
portation agreement;
(6) Include copies of any loyalty con-
tract, omitting the shipper’s name;
(7) Contain an organization record,
tariff record, and tariff rules; and
(8) For commodity tariffs, also con-
tain commodity descriptions and tariff
rate items.
(b) Organization record. Common car-
riers’ and conferences’ organization
records shall include:
(1) Organization name;
(2) Organization number assigned by
the Commission;
(3) Agreement number, where appli-
cable;
(4) Organization type (e.g., ocean
common carrier (VOCC), conference
(CONF), non-vessel-operating common
carrier (NVOCC) or agent);
(5) Home office address and telephone
number of firm’s representative;
(6) Names and organization numbers of all affiliates to conferences or agreements, including trade names; and
(7) The publisher, if any, used to maintain the organization's tariffs.

(c) Tariff record. The tariff record for each tariff shall include:
(1) Organization number and name, including any trade name;
(2) Tariff number;
(3) Tariff title;
(4) Tariff type (e.g., commodity, rules, equipment interchange, or bill of lading);
(5) Contact person and address;
(6) Default measurement and currency units;
(7) Origination and destination scope; and
(8) A statement certifying that all information contained in the tariff is true and accurate and no unlawful alterations will be permitted.

(d) Tariff rules. Carriers and conferences shall publish in their tariffs any rule that affects the application of the tariff.

(e) Commodity descriptions. (1) For each separate commodity in a tariff, a distinct numeric code may be used. Tariff publishers are not required to use any numeric code to identify commodities, but should they choose to do so, they are encouraged to use the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("U.S. HTS") for both the commodity coding and associated terminology (definitions).

(2) If a tariff publisher uses a numeric code to identify commodities, the following commodity types shall be preceded by their associated 2-digit prefixes, with the remaining digits at the publisher's option:
(i) Mixed commodities—"99";
(ii) Projects—"98"; and
(iii) Non-commodities, e.g., "cargo, n.o.s.", "general cargo," or "freight-all kinds"—"00".

(3) Commodity index. (i) Each commodity description created under this section shall have at least one similar index entry which will logically represent the commodity within the alphabetical index. Publishers are encouraged, however, to create multiple entries in the index for articles with equally valid common use names, such as, "Sodium Chloride," "Salt, common," etc.

(ii) If a commodity description includes two or more commodities, each included commodity shall be shown in the index.

(iii) Items, such as "mixed commodities," "projects" or "project rates," "n.o.s." descriptions, and "FAK," shall be included in the commodity index.

(f) Tariff rate items. A tariff rate item ("TRI") is the single freight rate in effect for the transportation of cargo under a specified set of transportation conditions. TRIs must contain the following:
(1) Brief commodity description;
(2) TRI number (optional);
(3) Publication date;
(4) Effective date;
(5) Origin and destination locations or location groups;
(6) Rate and rate basis; and
(7) Service code.

(g) Location groups. In the primary tariff, or in a governing tariff, a publisher may define and create groups of cities, states, provinces and countries (e.g., location groups) or groups of ports (e.g., port groups), which may be used in the construction of TRIs and other tariff objects, in lieu of specifying particular place names in each tariff item, or creating multiple tariff items which are identical in all ways except for place names.

(h) Inland rate tables. If a carrier or conference desires to provide intermodal transportation to or from named points/postal regions at combination rates, it shall clearly and accurately set forth the applicable charges in an "Inland Rate Tables" section. An inland rate table may be constructed to provide an inland distance which is applied to a per mile rate to calculate the inland rate.

(i) Shipper requests. Conference tariffs shall contain clear and complete instructions, in accordance with the agreement's provisions, stating where and by what method shippers may file requests and complaints and how they may engage in consultation pursuant to section 5(b)(6) of the Act, together with a sample rate request form or a description of the information necessary for processing the request or complaint.
§ 520.7 Tariff limitations.

(a) General. Tariffs published pursuant to this part shall:

(1) Be clear and definite;

(2) Use English as the primary textual language;

(3) Not contain cross-references to any other rate tariffs, except:

(i) A tariff of general applicability maintained by that same carrier or conference,

(ii) The individual tariffs of members of a non-conference agreement to enter into time/volume rates may cross-reference the tariffs of other members for purposes of said time/volume rates, and

(iii) Multiple common tariffs of a conference agreement to enter into time/volume rates may cross-reference their own multiple conference tariffs for purposes of said time/volume rates; and

(4) Not duplicate or conflict with any other tariff publication.

(b) Notice of cancelation. Carriers and conferences shall inform BTCL in writing, whenever a tariff is canceled.
§ 520.8 Effective dates.

(a) General. (1) No new or initial rate, charge, or change in an existing rate, that results in an increased cost to a shipper may become effective earlier than thirty (30) calendar days after publication.

(2) An amendment which deletes a specific commodity and applicable rate from a tariff, thereby resulting in a higher “cargo n.o.s.” or similar general cargo rate, is a rate increase requiring a 30-day notice period.

(3) Rates for the transportation of cargo for the U.S. Department of Defense may be effective upon publication.

(4) Changes in rates, charges, rules, regulations or other tariff provisions resulting in a decrease in cost to a shipper may become effective upon publication.

(b) Amendments. The following amendments may take effect upon publication:

and the effective date of that cancelation.

(c) Applicable rates. The rates, charges, and rules applicable to any given shipment shall be those in effect on the date the cargo is received by the common carrier or its agent including originating carriers in the case of rates for through transportation.

(d) Minimum quantity rates. When two or more TRIs are stated for the same commodity over the same route and under similar conditions, and the application is dependent upon the quantity of the commodity shipped, the total freight charges assessed against the shipment may not exceed the total charges computed for a larger quantity, if the TRI specifying a required minimum quantity (either weight or measurement; per container or in containers) will be applicable to the contents of the container(s), and if the minimum set forth is met or exceeded. At the shipper's option, a quantity less than the minimum level may be freighted at the lower TRI if the weight or measurement declared for rating purposes is increased to the minimum level.

(e) Green salted hides. The shipping weight for green salted hides shall be either a scale weight or a scale weight minus a deduction, which amount and method of computation are specified in the commodity description. The shipper must furnish the carrier a weight certificate or dock receipt from an inland common carrier for each shipment at or before the time the shipment is tendered for ocean transportation.

(f) Conference situations. (1) New members of a conference shall cancel any independent tariffs applicable to the trades served by the conference, within ninety (90) days of membership in the conference. Individual conference members may publish their own separate open rate tariffs. Admission to the conference may be effective on the date notice is published in the conference tariff.

(2) New conference agreements have ninety (90) days within which to publish a new tariff.

(g) Overcharge claims. (1) No tariff may limit the filing of overcharge claims with a common carrier to a period of less than three (3) years from the accrual of the cause of action.

(2) The acceptance of any overcharge claim may not be conditioned upon the payment of a fee or charge.

(3) No tariff may require that overcharge claims based on alleged errors in weight, measurement or description of cargo be filed before the cargo has left the custody of the common carrier.

(h) Returned cargo. When a carrier or conference offers the return shipment of refused, damaged or rejected shipments, or exhibits at trade fairs, shows or expositions, to port of origin at the TRI assessed on the original movement, and such TRI is lower than the prevailing TRI:

(1) The return shipment must occur within one (1) year;

(2) The return movement must be made over the line of the same common carrier performing the original movement, except in the case of an in-bound conference tariff, where return may be made by any member line when the original shipment was carried under the conference tariff; and

(3) A copy of the original bill of lading showing the rate assessed must be presented to the return common carrier.
§ 520.10 Integrity of tariffs.

(a) Historical data. Carriers and conferences shall maintain the data that appeared in their tariff publication systems for a period of five (5) years from the date such information is superseded, canceled or withdrawn, and shall provide on-line access to such data for two (2) years. After two (2) years, such data may be retained on-line or in other electronic form, and shall be made available to any person or the Commission upon request in a reasonable period of time. Carriers and conferences may charge a reasonable fee for the provision of historical data, not to exceed the fees for obtaining such data.

(d) Commission access. Commission telecommunications access to systems must include connectivity via a dial-up connection over PSTNs or a connection over the Internet. Connectivity will be provided at the expense of the publishers. Any recurring connection fees, hardware rental fees, usage fees or any other charges associated with the availability of the system are the responsibility of the publisher. The Commission shall only be responsible for the long-haul charges for PSTN calls to a tariff initiated by the FMC.

(e) Limitations. (1) Tariffs must be made available to any person without time, quantity, or other limitations.

(2) Carriers are not required to provide remote terminals for access under this section.

(3) Carriers and conferences may assess a reasonable fee for access to their tariff publication systems and such fees shall not be discriminatory.

(4) Tariff publication systems shall provide user instructions for access to tariff information.

(f) Federal agencies. Carriers and conferences may not assess any access charges against the Commission or any other Federal agency.

(g) User identifications. Carriers and conferences shall provide the Commission with the documentation it requires and the number of user identifications and passwords it requests to facilitate the Commission’s access to their systems, if they require such identifications and passwords.
§ 520.11 Non-vessel-operating common carriers.

(a) Financial responsibility. An ocean transportation intermediary that operates as a non-vessel-operating common carrier shall state in its tariff publication:

(1) That it has furnished the Commission proof of its financial responsibility in the manner and amount required by part 515 of this chapter;
(2) The manner of its financial responsibility;
(3) Whether it is relying on coverage provided by a group or association to which it is a member;
(4) The name and address of the surety company, insurance company, or guarantor issuing the bond, insurance policy, or guaranty;
(5) The number of the bond, insurance policy or guaranty; and
(6) Where applicable, the name and address of the group or association providing coverage.

(b) Agent for service. Every NVOCC not in the United States shall state the name and address of the person in the United States designated under part 515 of this chapter as its legal agent for service of process.

§ 520.12 Time/Volume rates.

(a) General. Common carriers or conferences may publish in their tariffs rates which are conditioned upon the receipt of a specified aggregate volume of cargo or aggregate freight revenue over a specified period of time.

(b) Publication requirements. (1) All rates, charges, classifications rules and
practices concerning time/volume rates must be set forth in the carrier's or conference's tariff.

(2) The tariff shall identify:
(i) The shipment records that will be maintained to support the rate; and
(ii) The method to be used by shippers giving notice of their intention to use a time/volume rate prior to tendering any shipments under the time/volume arrangement.

(c) Accepted rates. Once a time/volume rate is accepted by one shipper, it shall remain in effect for the time specified, without amendment. If no shipper gives notice within 30 days of publication, the time/volume rate may be canceled.

(d) Records. Shippers notices and shipment records supporting a time/volume rate shall be maintained by the offering carrier or conference for at least 5 years after a shipper’s use of a time/volume rate has ended.

(e) Liquidated damages. Time/volume rates may not impose or attempt to impose liquidated damages on any shipper that moves cargo under the rate. Carriers and agreements shall rerate cargo moved at the applicable tariff rate, if a shipper fails to meet the requirements of the time/volume offer.

§ 520.13 Exemptions and exceptions.

(a) General. Exemptions from the requirements of this part are governed by section 16 of the Act and Rule 67 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, § 502.67 of this chapter.

(b) Services. The following services are exempt from the requirements of this part:

(1) Equipment interchange agreements. Equipment-interchange agreements between common carriers subject to this part and inland carriers, where such agreements are not referred to in the carriers' tariffs and do not affect the tariff rates, charges or practices of the carriers.

(2) Controlled carriers in foreign commerce. A controlled common carrier shall be exempt from the provisions of this part exclusively applicable to controlled carriers when:
(i) The vessels of the controlling state are entitled by a treaty of the United States to receive national or most-favored-nation treatment; or
(ii) The controlled carrier operates in a trade served exclusively by controlled carriers.

(3) Terminal barge operators in Pacific Slope states. Transportation provided by terminal barge operators in Pacific Slope states barging containers and containerized cargo by barge between points in the United States are exempt from the tariff publication requirements of Act and the rules of this part, where:
(i) The cargo is moving between a point in a foreign country or a non-contiguous State, territory, or possession and a point in the United States;
(ii) The transportation by barge between points in the United States is furnished by a terminal operator as a service substitute in lieu of a direct vessel call by the common carrier by water transporting the containers or containerized cargo under a through bill of lading; and
(iii) Such terminal operator is a Pacific Slope state, municipality, or other public body or agency subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the only one furnishing the particular circumscribed barge service in question as of January 2, 1975.

(c) Cargo types. The following cargo types are not subject to the requirements of this part:

(1) Bulk cargo, forest products, etc. This part does not apply to bulk cargo, forest products, recycled metal scrap, new assembled motor vehicles, waste paper and paper waste. Carriers or conferences which voluntarily publish tariff provisions covering otherwise exempt transportation thereby subject themselves to the requirements of this part, including the requirement to adhere to the tariff provisions.

(2) Mail in foreign commerce. Transportation of mail between the United States and foreign countries.

(3) Used military household goods. Transportation of used military household goods and personal effects by ocean transportation intermediaries.

(4) Department of Defense cargo. Transportation of U.S. Department of Defense cargo moving in foreign commerce under terms and conditions negotiated and approved by the Military Transportation Management Command (“MTMC”) and published in a universal
service contract. An exact copy of the universal service contract, including any amendments thereto, shall be filed in paper format with the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

(5) Used household goods—General Services Administration. Transportation of used household goods and personal effects by ocean transportation intermediaries shipped for federal civilian executive agencies under the International Household Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration.

(d) Services involving foreign countries. The following transportation services involving foreign countries are not subject to the requirements of this part:

(1) Between foreign countries. This part does not apply to transportation of cargo between foreign countries, including that which is transshipped from one ocean common carrier to another (or between vessels of the same common carrier) at a U.S. port or transferred between an ocean common carrier and another transportation mode at a U.S. port for overland carriage through the United States, where the ocean common carrier accepts custody of the cargo in a foreign country and issues a through bill of lading covering its transportation to a foreign point of destination.

(2) Between Canada and U.S. The following services are exempt from the filing requirements of the Act and the rules of this part:

(i) Prince Rupert and Alaska. (A) Vehicles. Transportation by vessels operated by the State of Alaska between Prince Rupert, Canada and ports in southeastern Alaska, if all the following conditions are met:

(1) Carriage of property is limited to vehicles;

(2) Tolls levied for vehicles are based solely on space utilized rather than the weight or contents of the vehicle and are the same whether the vehicle is loaded or empty;

(3) The vessel operator does not move the vehicles on or off the ship; and

(4) The common carrier does not participate in any joint rate establishing through routes or in any other type of agreement with any other common carrier.

(B) Passengers. Transportation of passengers, commercial buses carrying passengers, personal vehicles and personal effects by vessels operated by the State of Alaska between Seattle, Washington and Prince Rupert, Canada, only if such vehicles and personal effects are the accompanying personal property of the passengers and are not transported for the purpose of sale.

(ii) British Columbia and Puget Sound ports; rail cars.—(A) Through rates. Transportation by water of cargo moving in rail cars between British Columbia, Canada and United States ports on Puget Sound, and between British Columbia, Canada and ports or points in Alaska, only if the cargo does not originate in or is not destined to foreign countries other than Canada, but only if:

(1) The through rates are filed with the Surface Transportation Board and/or the Canadian Transport Commission; and

(2) Certified copies of the rate divisions and of all agreements, arrangements or concurrences, entered into in connection with the transportation of such cargo, are filed with the Commission within 30 days of the effectiveness of such rate divisions, agreements, arrangements or concurrences.

(B) Bulk; port-to-port. Transportation by water of cargo moving in bulk without mark or count in rail cars on a local port-to-port rate basis between ports in British Columbia, Canada and United States ports on Puget Sound, only if the rates charged for any particular bulk type commodity on any one sailing are identical for all shippers, except that:

(1) This exemption shall not apply to cargo originating in or destined to foreign countries other than Canada; and

(2) The carrier will remain subject to all other provisions of the Act.

(iii) Incan Superior, Ltd. Transportation by Incan Superior, Ltd. of cargo moving in railroad cars between Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Superior, Wisconsin, only if the cargo does not originate in or is not destined to foreign countries other than Canada, and if:

(A) The through rates are filed with the Surface Transportation Board and/or the Canadian Transport Commission; and
§ 520.14 Special permission.

(a) General. Section 8(d) of the Act authorizes the Commission, in its discretion and for good cause shown, to permit increases or decreases in rates, or the issuance of new or initial rates, on less than the statutory notice. Section 9(c) of the Act authorizes the Commission to permit a controlled carrier’s rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations to become effective on less than 30 days’ notice. The Commission may also in its discretion and for good cause shown, permit departures from the requirements of this part.

(b) Clerical errors. Typographical and/or clerical errors constitute good cause for the exercise of special permission authority but every application based thereon must plainly specify the error and present clear evidence of its existence, together with a full statement of the attending circumstances, and shall be submitted with reasonable promptness after publishing the defective tariff material.

(c) Application. (1) Applications for special permission to establish rate increases or decreases on less than statutory notice or for waiver of the provisions of this part, shall be made by the common carrier, conference or agent for publishing. Every such application shall be submitted to BTCL and be accompanied by a filing fee of $179.

(2) Applications for special permission shall be made only by letter, except that in emergency situations, application may be made by telephone or facsimile if the communication is promptly followed by a letter and the filing fee.

(3) Applications for special permission shall contain the following information:

(i) Organization name, number and trade name of the conference or carrier;

(ii) Tariff number and title; and

(iii) The rate, commodity, or rules related to the application, and the special circumstances which the applicant believes constitute good cause to depart from the requirements of this part or to warrant a tariff change upon less than the statutory notice period.

(d) Implementation. The authority granted by the Commission shall be used in its entirety, including the prompt publishing of the material for which permission was requested. Applicants shall use the special case number assigned by the Commission with the symbol “S”.

§ 520.91 OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The Commission has received OMB approval for this collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. In accordance with the Act, agencies are required to display a currently valid control number. The valid control number for this collection of information is 3072-0064.

APPENDIX A TO PART 520—STANDARD TERMINOLOGY AND CODES

I.—PUBLISHING/AMENDMENT TYPE CODES

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§ 525.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Purpose. This part implements the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998. The form and manner requirements of this part are necessary to enable the Commission to meet its responsibilities with regard to identifying and preventing unreasonable preference or prejudice and unjust discrimination pursuant to section 10 of the Act.

(b) Scope. This part sets forth the regulations for the publication of terminal schedules by marine terminal operators. Information made available under this part may be used to determine marine terminal operators’ compliance with shipping statutes and regulations.

(c) Definitions. The following definitions apply to the regulations of this part:


2. Bulk cargo means cargo that is loaded and carried in bulk without mark or count, in a loose unpackaged form, having homogenous characteristics. Bulk cargo loaded into intermodal equipment, except LASH or Seabee barges, is subject to mark and count and is, therefore, subject to the requirements of this part.

3. Checking means the service of counting and checking cargo against appropriate documents for the account of the cargo or the vessel, or other person requesting same.


5. Dockage means the charge assessed against a vessel for berthing at a wharf, pier, bulkhead structure, or bank or for mooring to a vessel so berthed.

6. Effective date means the date a schedule or an element of a schedule becomes effective. Where there are multiple publications on the same day, the last schedule or element of a schedule published with the same effective date is the one effective for that day.

7. Expiration date means the last day, after which the entire schedule or a single element of the schedule, is no longer in effect.

8. Forest products means forest products including, but not limited to, lumber in bundles, rough timber, ties, poles, pilings, laminated beams, bundled siding, bundled plywood, bundled core stock or veneers, bundled particle or fiber boards, bundled hardwood, wood pulp in rolls, wood pulp in unitized bales, paper and paper board in rolls or in pallet or skid-sized sheets, liquid or granular by-products derived from pulping and papermaking, and engineering wood products.

9. Free time means the period specified in the terminal schedule during which cargo may occupy space assigned to it on terminal property, including off-dock facilities, free of wharf demurrage or terminal storage charges immediately prior to the loading or subsequent to the discharge of such cargo on or off the vessel.

10. Handling means the service of physically moving cargo between point of rest and any place on the terminal facility, other than the end of ship’s tackle.

11. Heavy lift means the service of providing heavy lift cranes and equipment for lifting cargo.

12. Loading and unloading means the service of loading or unloading cargo between any place on the terminal and railroad cars, trucks, lighters or barges or any other means of conveyance to or from the terminal facility.

13. Marine terminal operator means a person engaged in the United States or a commonwealth, territory, or possession thereof, in the business of furnishing wharfage, dock, warehouse or other terminal facilities in connection with a common carrier, or in connection with a common carrier and a water carrier subject to Subchapter II of Chapter 135 of Title 49, United States Code. A marine terminal operator includes, but is not limited to, terminals owned or operated by states and their political subdivisions; railroads who perform port terminal services not covered by their line haul rates; common carriers who perform port terminal services; and warehousmen who operate port terminal facilities. For the purposes of this part, marine terminal operator includes conferences of marine terminal operators.
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§ 525.2 Terminal schedules.

(a) Marine terminal operator schedules. A marine terminal operator, at its discretion, may make available to the public, subject to section 10(d) of the Act, a schedule of its rates, regulations, and practices.

(1) Limitations of liability. Any limitations of liability for cargo loss or damage pertaining to receiving, delivering, handling, or storing property at the marine terminal contained in a terminal schedule must be consistent with domestic law and international conventions and agreements adopted by the United States; such terminal schedules cannot contain provisions that exculpate or relieve marine terminal operators from liability for their own negligence, or that impose upon others the obligation to indemnify or hold-harmless the terminals from liability for their own negligence.

(2) Enforcement of terminal schedules. Any schedule that is made available to the public by the marine terminal operator shall be enforceable by an appropriate court as an implied contract between the marine terminal operator and the party receiving the services.
rendered by the marine terminal operator, without proof that such party has actual knowledge of the provisions of the applicable terminal schedule.

(3) Contracts for terminal services. If the marine terminal operator has an actual contract with a party covering the services rendered by the marine terminal operator to that party, an existing terminal schedule covering those same services shall not be enforceable as an implied contract.

(b) Cargo types not subject to this part.
(1) Except as set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, this part does not apply to bulk cargo, forest products, recycled metal scrap, new assembled motor vehicles, waste paper and paper waste in terminal schedules.

(2) Marine terminal operators which voluntarily make available terminal schedules covering any of the commodities identified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section thereby subject their services with respect to those commodities to the requirements of this part.

(c) Marine terminal operator agreements. The regulations relating to agreements to which a marine terminal operator is a party are located at part 535 of this chapter.

§ 525.3 Availability of marine terminal operator schedules.

(a) Availability of terminal schedules—
(1) Availability to the Commission. A complete and current set of terminal schedules used by a marine terminal operator, or to which it is a party, shall be maintained in its office(s) for a period of five (5) years, whether or not made available to the public, and shall promptly be made available to the Commission upon request.

(2) Availability to the public. Any terminal schedule that is made available to the public shall be available during normal business hours and in electronic form. The public may be assessed a reasonable nondiscriminatory charge for access to the terminal schedules; no charge will be assessed against the Commission.

(b) Access to electronically published schedules. Marine terminal operators shall provide access to their terminal schedules via a personal computer (PC) by:

1. Dial-up connection via public switched telephone networks (PSTN); or
2. The Internet (Web) by:
   (i) Web browser; or
   (ii) Telnet session.
3. Dial-up connection via PSTN. (1) This connection option requires that terminal schedules provide:
   (i) A minimum of a 14.4Kbps modem capable of receiving incoming calls,
   (ii) Smart terminal capability for VT-100 terminal or terminal emulation access, and
   (iii) Telephone line(s) quality for data transmission.

(2) The modem may be included in a collection (bank) of modems as long as all modems in the bank meet the minimum speed. Smart terminal emulation provides for features such as bold, blinking, underlining and positioning to specific locations on the display screen.

(d) Internet connection. (1) This connection option requires that systems provide:

   (i) A universal resource locator (URL) Internet address (e.g., http://www.tariffsrus.com or http://1.2.3.4), and/or
   (ii) A universal resource locator (URL) Internet address (e.g., telnet://tariffsrus or telnet://1.2.3.4), for Telnet session access over the Internet.

(2) Marine terminal operators shall ensure that their Internet service providers shall provide static Internet addresses.

(e) Commission access. Commission telecommunications access to systems must include connectivity via a dial-up connection over public switched telephone networks (PSTN) or a connection over the Internet. Connectivity will be provided at the expense of the publishers. Any recurring connection fees, hardware rental fees, usage fees or any other charges associated with the availability of the system are the responsibility of the publisher. The Commission shall only be responsible for the long-haul charges for PSTN calls to a terminal schedule initiated by the Commission.

(f) Notification. Each marine terminal operator shall notify the Commission's
Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing ("BTCL"), prior to the commencement of marine terminal operations, of its organization name, organization number, home office address, name and telephone number of firm's representative, the location of its terminal schedule(s), and the publisher, if any, used to maintain its terminal schedule, by electronically submitting Form FMC-1 via the Commission's website at www.fmc.gov. Any changes to the above information shall be immediately transmitted to BTCL. The Commission will publish a list on its website of the location of any terminal schedule made available to the public.

(g) Form and manner. Each terminal schedule made available by a marine terminal operator shall contain an individual identification number, effective date, expiration date, if any, and the complete terminal schedule in full text and/or data format showing all its rates, charges, and regulations relating to or connected with the receiving, handling, storing, and/or delivering of property at its terminal facilities.

§ 525.4 OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The Commission has received Office of Management and Budget approval for this collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. In accordance with that Act, agencies are required to display a currently valid control number. In this regard, the valid control number for this collection of information is 3072-0061.

PART 530—SERVICE CONTRACTS

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When used in this part:
(a) Act means the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998.
(b) Agreement means an understanding, arrangement, or association (written or oral) and any modification or cancellation thereof which has been filed and effective under part 535 of this chapter with the Commission. The term does not include a maritime labor agreement.
(c) Authorized person means a carrier or a duly appointed agent who is authorized to file service contracts on behalf of the carrier party to a service contract and to publish the corresponding statement of essential terms and is registered by the Commission to file under §530.5(d) and appendix A to this part.
(d) BTCL means the Commission’s Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing or its successor bureau.
(e) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.
(f) Common carrier means a person holding itself out to the general public to provide transportation by water of passengers or cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation that:
(1) Assumes responsibility for the transportation from the port or point of receipt to the port or point of destination; and
(2) Utilizes, for all or part of that transportation, a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a port in the United States and a port in a foreign country, except that the term does not include a common carrier engaged in ocean transportation by ferry boat, ocean tramp, or chemical parcel tanker, or by a vessel when primarily engaged in the carriage of perishable agricultural commodities:
(i) If the common carrier and the owner of those commodities are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a person primarily engaged in the marketing and distribution of those commodities and
(ii) Only with respect to those commodities.
(g) Conference means an agreement between or among two or more ocean common carriers which provides for the fixing of and adherence to uniform rates, charges, practices and conditions of service relating to the receipt, carriage, handling and/or delivery of passengers or cargo for all members. The term does not include joint service, pooling, sailing, space charter, or transshipment agreements.
(h) Controlled carrier means an ocean common carrier that is, or whose operating assets are, directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a government. Ownership or control by a government shall be deemed to exist with respect to any ocean common carrier if:
(1) A majority portion of the interest in the carrier is owned or controlled in any manner by that government, by any agency thereof, or by any public or private person controlled by that government; or
(2) That government has the right to appoint or disapprove the appointment of a majority of the directors, the chief operating officer or the chief executive officer of the carrier.
(i) Effective date means the date upon which a service contract or amendment is scheduled to go into effect by the parties to the contract. A service contract or amendment becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on the beginning of the effective date. The effective date cannot be prior to the filing date of the service contract or amendment with the Commission.
(j) Expiration date means the last day after which the entire service contract is no longer in effect.
(k) File or filing (of service contracts or amendments thereto) means the use of the Commission’s electronic filing system for receipt of a service contract or an amendment thereto by the Commission, consistent with the method set forth in appendix A of this part, and the recording of its receipt by the Commission.
(l) Labor agreement means a collective-bargaining agreement between an employer subject to the Act, or group of such employers, and a labor organization or an agreement preparatory to such a collective-bargaining agreement among members of a multi-employer bargaining group, or an agreement specifically implementing provisions of such a collective-bargaining agreement.
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§ 530.6 Certification of shipper status.

(a) Certification. The shipper contract party shall sign and certify on the signature page of the service contract its shipper status (e.g., owner of the cargo, shippers' association, NVOCC, or specified other designation), and the status of every affiliate of such contract party or member of a shippers' association entitled to receive service under the contract.

(b) Proof of tariff and financial responsibility. If the certification completed by the contract party under paragraph (a) of this section identifies the contract party or an affiliate or member of a shippers' association as an NVOCC, the ocean common carrier, conference or agreement shall obtain proof that such NVOCC has a published tariff and proof of financial responsibility as required under sections 8 and 19 of the Act before signing the service contract. An ocean common carrier, conference

§ 530.4 Confidentiality.

All service contracts and amendments to service contracts filed with the Commission shall, to the full extent permitted by law, be held in confidence. Nothing contained in this part shall preclude the Commission from providing certain information from or access to service contracts to another agency of the Federal government of the United States.

§ 530.5 Duty to file.

(a) The duty under this part to file service contracts, amendments and notices, and to publish statements of essential terms shall be upon the individual carrier party or parties participating or eligible to participate in the service contract.

(b) Filing may be accomplished by any duly agreed-upon agent, as the parties to the service contract may designate, and subject to conditions as the parties may agree.

(c) Registration. (1) Application. Authority to file or delegate the authority to file must be requested by a responsible official of the service contract carrier in writing by submitting to BTCL the Registration Form (FMC-83) in Exhibit 1 to this part.

(2) Approved registrations. OIRM shall provide approved Registrants a log-on ID and password for filing and amending service contracts and so notify Registrants via U.S. mail.

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or agreement can obtain such proof by the same methods prescribed in §515.27 of this chapter.

(c) Joining shippers’ association during term of contract. If an NVOCOCC joins a shippers’ association during the term of a service contract and is thereby entitled to receive service under the contract, the NVOCOCC shall provide to the ocean common carrier, agreement or conference the proof of compliance required by paragraph (b) of this section prior to making any shipments under the contract.

(d) Reliance on NVOCOCC proof; independent knowledge. An ocean common carrier, agreement or conference executing a service contract shall be deemed to have complied with section 10(b)(12) of the Act upon meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, unless the carrier party had reason to know such certification or documentation of NVOCOCC tariff and bonding was false.

§ 530.7 Duty to labor organizations.

(a) Terms. When used in this section, the following terms will have these meanings:

1. Dock area and within the port area shall have the same meaning and scope as defined in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

2. Reasonable period of time ordinarily means:
   (i) If the cargo in question is due to arrive in less than five (5) days from the date of receipt of the request as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, two (2) days from the date of receipt of the request; but
   (ii) If cargo in question is due to arrive in more than five (5) days from the date of receipt of the request as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, four (4) days from the date of receipt of the request.

3. Movement includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the normal and usual aspects of the loading and discharging of cargo in containers; placement, positioning and re-positioning of cargo or of containers; the insertion and removal of cargo into and from containers; and the storage and warehousing of cargo.

4. Assignment includes, but is not limited to, the carrier’s direct or indirect control over the parties which, the manner by which, or the means by which the shipper’s cargo is moved, regardless of whether such movement is completed within or outside of containers.

5. Transmit means communication by first-class mail, facsimile, telegram, hand-delivery, or electronic mail (“e-mail”).

(b) Procedure. In response to a written request transmitted from a labor organization with which it is a party or is subject to the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement with a labor organization, an ocean common carrier shall state, within a reasonable period of time, whether it is responsible for the following work at dock areas and within port areas in the United States with respect to cargo transported under a service contract:

1. The movement of the shipper’s cargo on a dock area or within the port area or to or from railroad cars on a dock area or within a port area;

2. The assignment of intraport carriage of the shipper’s cargo between areas on a dock or within the port area;

3. The assignment of the carriage of the shipper’s cargo between a container yard on a dock area or within the port area and a rail yard adjacent to such container yard; or

4. The assignment of container freight station work and maintenance and repair work performed at a dock area or within the port area.

(c) Applicability. This section requires the disclosure of information by an ocean common carrier only if there exists an applicable and otherwise lawful collective bargaining agreement which pertains to that carrier.

(d) Disclosure not deemed admission or agreement. No disclosure made by an ocean common carrier shall be deemed to be an admission or agreement that any work is covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

(e) Dispute resolution. Any dispute regarding whether any work is covered by a collective bargaining agreement and the responsibility of the ocean common carrier under such agreement shall be resolved solely in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures contained in the collective bargaining agreements.
agreement and the National Labor Relations Act, and without reference to this section.

(f) Jurisdiction and lawfulness. Nothing in this section has any effect on the lawfulness or unlawfulness under the Shipping Act of 1984, the National Labor Relations Act, the Taft-Hartley Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, the antitrust laws, or any other federal or state law, or any revisions or amendments thereto, of any collective bargaining agreement or element thereof, including any element that constitutes an essential term of a service contract under section 8(c) of the Act.

Subpart B—Filing Requirements

§ 530.8 Service Contracts.

(a) Authorized persons shall file with BTCL, in the manner set forth in appendix A of this part, a true and complete copy of every service contract or amendment to a filed service contract before any cargo moves pursuant to that service contract or amendment.

(b) Every service contract filed with the Commission shall include the complete terms of the service contract including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The origin port ranges in the case of port-to-port movements and geographic areas in the case of through intermodal movements;
2. The destination port ranges in the case of port-to-port movements and geographic areas in the case of through intermodal movements;
3. The commodity or commodities involved;
4. The minimum volume or portion;
5. The service commitments;
6. The line-haul rate;
7. Liquidated damages for non-performance (if any);
8. Duration, including the effective date and expiration date;
9. The legal names and business addresses of the contract parties; the legal names of affiliates entitled to access the contract; the names, titles and addresses of the representatives signing the contract for the parties; and the date upon which the service contract was signed, except that in the case of a contract entered under the authority of an agreement or by a shippers' association, individual members need not be named unless the contract includes or excludes specific members. Subsequent references in the contract to the contract parties shall be consistent with the first reference (e.g., (exact name), "carrier," "shipper," or "association," etc.). Carrier parties which enter into contracts that include affiliates must either:
   (i) List the affiliates' business addresses; or
   (ii) Certify that this information will be provided to the Commission upon request within ten (10) business days of such request. However, the requirements of this section do not apply to amendments to contracts that have been filed in accordance with the requirements of this section unless the amendment adds new parties or affiliates;
10. A certification of shipper status;
11. A description of the shipment records which will be maintained to support the service contract and the address, telephone number, and title of the person who will respond to a request for making shipment records available to the Commission for inspection under §530.15 of this part; and
12. All other provisions of the contract.

(c) Certainty of terms. The terms described in paragraph (b) of this section may not:

1. Be uncertain, vague or ambiguous; or
2. Make reference to terms not explicitly contained in the service contract itself unless those terms are contained in a publication widely available to the public and well known within the industry.

(d) Other requirements. Every service contract filed with BTCL shall include, as set forth in appendix A to this part by:

1. A unique service contract number of more than one (1) but less than ten (10) alphanumeric characters in length ("SC Number"); and
2. A consecutively numbered amendment number no more than three digits in length, with initial service contracts using "0"("Amendment number");
§ 530.9 Notices.

Within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of any event listed below, there shall be filed with the Commission, pursuant to the same procedures as those followed for the filing of an amendment pursuant to § 530.10 and appendix A to this part, a detailed notice of:

(a) Correction (clerical or administrative errors);
(b) Cancellation (as defined in § 530.10(a)(3));
(c) Adjustment of accounts, by re-rating, liquidated damages, or otherwise;
(d) Final settlement of any account adjusted as described in paragraph (c) of this section; and
(e) Any change to:
   (1) The name of a basic contract party; or
   (2) The list of affiliates under § 530.8(b)(9), including changes to legal names and business addresses, of any contract party entitled to receive or authorized to offer services under the contract.

§ 530.10 Amendment, correction, and cancellation.

(a) Terms. When used in this section, the following terms will have these meanings:

(1) Amendment means any change to a service contract which has prospective effect and which is mutually agreed upon by the service contract parties.
(2) Correction means any change to a service contract which has retroactive effect.
(3) Cancellation means an event which is unanticipated by the service contract, in liquidated damages or otherwise, and is due to the failure of the shipper party to tender minimum cargo as set forth in the contract, unless such tender was made impossible by an action of the carrier party.
(b) Amendment. Service contracts may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract. Amendments shall be filed electronically with the Commission in the manner set forth in § 530.8 and appendix A to this part.
(1) Where feasible, service contracts should be amended by amending only the affected specific term(s) or subterms.
(2) Each time any part of a service contract is amended, the filer shall assign a consecutive amendment number (up to three digits), beginning with the number “1.”
(3) Each time any part of the service contract is amended, the “Filing Date” will be the date of filing of the amendment.
(c) Corrections. Either party to a filed service contract may request permission to correct clerical or administrative errors in the terms of a filed contract. Requests shall be filed in duplicate, with the Commission’s Office of the Secretary within forty-five (45) days of the contract’s filing with the Commission, and shall include:
(1) A letter of transmittal explaining the purpose of the submission, and providing specific information to identify the initial or amended service contract to be corrected;
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(2) A paper copy of the proposed correct terms. Corrections shall be indicated as follows:
(i) Matter being deleted shall be struck through; and
(ii) Matter to be added shall immediately follow the language being deleted and be underscored;
(3) An affidavit from the filing party attesting with specificity to the factual circumstances surrounding the clerical or administrative error, with reference to any supporting documentation;
(4) Documents supporting the clerical or administrative error; and
(5) A brief statement from the other party to the contract concurring in the request for correction.
(6) If the request for correction is granted, the carrier, agreement or conference shall file the corrected contract provisions using a special case number as described in appendix A to this part.

(d) Cancellation. (1) An account may be adjusted for events and damages covered by the service contract. This shall include adjustment necessitated by either liability for liquidated damages appearing in the service contract as filed with the Commission under § 530.8(b)(7), or the occurrence of an event described below in paragraph (d)(2) of this section.
(2) In the event of cancellation as defined in § 530.10(a)(3):
(i) Further or continued implementation of the service contract is prohibited; and
(ii) The cargo previously carried under the contract shall be re-rated according to the otherwise applicable tariff provisions.
(e) If the amendment, correction or cancellation affects an essential term required to be published under § 530.12 of this part, the statement of essential terms shall be changed as soon as possible after the filing of the amendment to accurately reflect the change to the contract terms.

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§ 530.11 [Reserved]

Subpart C—Publication of Essential Terms

§ 530.12 Publication.
(a) Contents. All authorized persons who have a duty to file service contracts under § 530.5 are also required to make available to the public, contemporaneously with the filing of each service contract with the Commission, and in tariff format, a concise statement of the following essential terms:
(1) The port ranges:
(i) Origin; and
(ii) Destination;
(2) The commodity or commodities involved;
(3) The minimum volume or portion; and
(4) The duration.
(b) Certainty of terms. The terms described in paragraph (a) of this section may not:
(1) Be uncertain, vague or ambiguous;
or
(2) Make reference to terms not explicitly detailed in the statement of essential terms, unless those terms are contained in a publication widely available to the public and well known within the industry.
(c) Location. (1) Generally, The statement of essential terms shall be published as a separate part of the individual carrier’s automated tariff system.
(2) Multi-party service contracts. For service contracts in which more than one carrier participates or is eligible to participate, the statement of essential terms shall be published:
(i) If the service contract is entered into under the authority of a conference agreement, then in that conference’s automated tariff system;
(ii) If the service contract is entered into under the authority of a non-conference agreement, then in each of the participating or eligible-to-participate carriers’ individual automated tariff systems, clearly indicating the relevant FMC-assigned agreement number.
(d) References. The statement of essential terms shall contain a reference
§ 530.13 Exceptions and exemptions.

(a) Statutory exceptions. Service contracts for the movement of the following, as defined in section 3 of the Act, §530.3 or §520.1 of this chapter, are excepted by section 8(c) of the Act from the requirements of that section, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of this part:

(1) Bulk cargo;
(2) Forest products;
(3) Recycled metal scrap;
(4) New assembled motor vehicles; and
(5) Waste paper or paper waste.

(b) Commission exemptions. Exemptions from the requirements of this part are governed by section 16 of the Act and Rule 67 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, §502.67 of this chapter. The following commodities and/or services are exempt from the requirements of this part:

(1) Mail in foreign commerce. Transportation of mail between the United States and foreign countries.
(2) Department of Defense cargo. Transportation of U.S. Department of Defense cargo moving in foreign commerce under terms and conditions negotiated and approved by the Military Transportation Management Command and published in a universal service contract. An exact copy of the universal service contract, including any amendments thereto, shall be filed with the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

(c) Inclusion of excepted or exempted matter. (1) The Commission will not accept for filing service contracts which exclusively concern the commodities or services listed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

(2) Service contracts filed with the Commission may include the commodities or services listed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section only if:

(i) There is a tariff of general applicability for the transportation, which contains a specific commodity rate for the commodity or service in question; or

(ii) The service contract itself sets forth a rate or charge which will be applied if the contract is canceled, as defined in §530.10(a)(3).

(d) Waiver. Upon filing a service contract pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the service contract shall be subject to the same requirements as those for service contracts generally.

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§ 530.14 Implementation

(a) Generally. Performance under a service contract or amendment thereto may not begin before the day it is effective and filed with the Commission.

(b) Prohibition or suspension. When the filing parties receive notice that an initial or amended service contract has been prohibited under section 9(d) or suspended under section 11a(e)(1)(B) of the Act:
(1) Further or continued implementation of the service contract is prohibited;
(2) All services performed under the contract shall be re-rated in accordance with the otherwise applicable tariff provisions for such services with notice to the shipper within five (5) days of the date of prohibition or suspension; and
(3) Detailed notice shall be given to the Commission under §530.9 within thirty (30) days of:
   (i) The re-rating or other account adjustment resulting from prohibition or suspension under paragraph (b)(2) of this section; or
   (ii) Final settlement of the account adjusted under §530.10.
(c) Agreements. If the prohibited or suspended service contract was that of an agreement with no common tariff, the re-rating shall be in accordance with the published tariff rates of the carrier which transported the cargo in effect at the time.

Subpart E—Recordkeeping and Audit

§530.15 Recordkeeping and audit.
(a) Records retention for five years. Every common carrier, conference or agreement shall maintain original signed service contracts, amendments, and their associated records in an organized, readily accessible or retrievable manner for a period of five (5) years from the termination of each contract.
(b) (paragraph (b) is stayed until further notice.) Where maintained, (1) Service contract records shall be maintained in the United States, except that service contract records may be maintained outside the United States if the Chairman or Secretary of an agreement or President or Chief Executive Officer of the carrier certifies annually by January 1, on a form to be supplied by the Commission, that service contract records will be made available as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.
(2) Penalty. If service contract records are not made available to the Commission as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the Commission may cancel any carrier’s or agreement’s right to maintain records outside the United States pursuant to the certification procedure of paragraph (b) of this section.
(c) Production for audit within 30 days of request. Every carrier or agreement shall, upon written request of the FMC’s Director, Bureau of Enforcement, any Area Representative or the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreements Analysis, submit copies of requested original service contracts or their associated records within thirty (30) days of the date of the request.
(d) Agreement service contracts. In the case of service contracts made by agreements, the penalties for a failure to maintain records pursuant to this section shall attach jointly and severally on all of the agreement members participating in the service contract in question.

§530.91 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.
The Commission has received OMB approval for this collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. In accordance with that Act, agencies are required to display a currently valid control number. The valid control number for this collection of information is 3072-0065.

APPENDIX A TO PART 530—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FILING OF SERVICE CONTRACTS

Service contracts shall be filed in accordance with the instructions found on the Commission’s home page, http://www.fmc.gov.

A. Registration, Log-on ID and Password
To register for filing, a carrier, conference, agreement or publisher must submit the Service Contract Registration Form (Form FMC-83) to BTCL. A separate Service Contract Registration Form is required for each individual that will file service contracts. BTCL will direct OIRM to provide approved filers with a log-on ID and password. Filers who wish a third party (publisher) to file their service contracts must so indicate on Form FMC-83. Authority for organizational filing can be transferred by submitting an amended registration form requesting the assignment of a new log-on ID and password. The original log-on ID will be canceled when a replacement log-on ID is issued. Log-on IDs and passwords may not be shared with,
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loaned to or used by any individual other than the individual registrant. The Commission reserves the right to disable any log-on ID that is shared with, loaned to or used by parties other than the registrant.

B. Filing

After receiving a log-on ID and a password, a filer may log-on to the service contract filing area on the Commission's home page and file service contracts. The filing screen will request such information as: filer name, Registered Persons Index ("RPI") number and carrier RPI number (if different); Service Contract and amendment number; and effective date. The filer will attach the entire service contract file and submit it into the system. When the service contract has been submitted for filing, the system will assign a filing date and an FMC control number, both of which will be included in the acknowledgment/confirmation message.

[64 FR 41042, July 29, 1999]
### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM FMC-83

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**EXHIBIT 1 -- SERVICE CONTRACT REGISTRATION [FORM FMC-83]**

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**Instructions**

*Line 1. Registration. Indicate whether this is the initial (first time) registration or an amendment to an existing Service Contract Registration.*

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Line 2. Registrant. This must be the full legal name of the firm or individual registering for the FMC's Service Contract Filing System and any trade names. The registrant name should match the corporate charter or business license, conference membership, etc. It should be noted that the registrant name cannot be changed by the registrant after the registration without submission of an amended registration fee.

Line 3. Address of Home Office. The complete street address should be shown in addition to the post office box. Also, provide the registrant's Federal Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN" Number).

Line 4. Billing Address if Different. This should be completed if the billing address differs from the home office address. Show the firm name (if different from the registrant), street address and post office box (if applicable).

Line 5. Organization Number. Complete if known. (Regulated Persons Index or "RPI" number.)

Line 6. Registrant Type. Indicate the type of organization. A registrant cannot be more than one type. This data cannot be changed by the registrant after registration without submission of an amended registration form.

Line 7. Permissions Requested and Person Granted These Permissions. Delegation of the authority to file should be noted here.

Maintenance of Organization Record—The person listed in line 8 is authorized to access the organization maintenance functions (i.e., modify organization information, assign publishers, affiliations, and d/b/ases).

Service Contract Filing—The person listed in line 8 is authorized only to submit filings.

Line 8. Certified for Batch Filing. Indicate whether the registrant was registered with software certified to perform batch filings prior to May 1, 1999. Otherwise, the registrant must first be certified for batch filing as outlined in 46 CFR part 530. After certification, the registrant can submit an amended registration form to request permission for a person in their organization to perform the batch filing. If the person already has an existing log-on, the log-on (not the password) should be listed on the registration form. Also, the certification date received from the FMC should be listed on the registration form.

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Editorial Note: Nomenclature changes to part 535 appear at 64 FR 23794, May 4, 1999.

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 535.101 Authority.


[64 FR 11241, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.102 Purpose.

This part implements those provisions of the Act which govern agreements by or among ocean common carriers and agreements among marine terminal operators and among one or more marine terminal operators and one or more ocean common carriers. This part also sets forth more specifically certain procedures provided for in the Act.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984. Redesignated and amended at 64 FR 11240, 11241, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.103 Policies.

(a) The Act requires that agreements be processed and reviewed, upon their initial filing, according to strict statutory deadlines. This part is intended to establish procedures for the orderly and expeditious review of filed agreements in accordance with the statutory requirements.

(b) The Act requires that agreements be reviewed, upon their initial filing, to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the Act and empowers the Commission to obtain information to conduct that review. This part identifies those classes of agreements which must be accompanied by information submissions when they are first filed, and sets forth the kind of information for each class of agreement which the Commission believes relevant to that review. Only that information which is relevant to such a review is requested. It is the policy of the Commission to keep the costs of regulation to a minimum and at the same time obtain information needed to fulfill its statutory responsibility.

(c) In order to further the goal of expedited processing and review of agreements upon their initial filing, agreements are required to meet certain minimum requirements as to form. These requirements are intended to ensure expedited review and should assist parties in preparing agreements. These
requirements as to form do not affect the substance of an agreement and are intended to allow parties the freedom to develop innovative commercial relationships and provide efficient and economic transportation systems.

(d) The Act itself excludes certain agreements from filing requirements and authorizes the Commission to exempt other classes of agreements from any requirement of the Act or this part. In order to minimize delay in implementation of routine agreements and to avoid the private and public cost of unnecessary regulation, the Commission is exempting certain classes of agreements from the filing requirements of this part.

(e) Under the new regulatory framework established by the Act, the role of the Commission as a monitoring and surveillance agency has been enhanced. The Act favors greater freedom in allowing parties to form their commercial arrangements. This, however, requires greater monitoring of agreements after they have become effective, to assure continued compliance with all applicable provisions of the Act. The Act empowers the Commission to impose certain recordkeeping and reporting requirements. This part identifies those classes of agreements which require specific record retention and reporting to the Commission and prescribes the applicable period of record retention, the form and content of such reporting, and the applicable time periods for filing with the Commission. Only that information which is necessary to assure that Commission monitoring responsibilities will be fulfilled is requested. It is the policy of the Commission to keep the costs of regulations to a minimum and at the same time obtain information needed to fulfill its statutory responsibility.

(f) The Act requires that conference agreements must contain certain mandatory provisions. Each such agreement must: (1) state its purpose; (2) provide reasonable and equal terms and conditions for admission and readmission to membership; (3) allow for withdrawal from membership upon reasonable notice without penalty; (4) require an independent neutral body to police the conference, if requested by a member; (5) prohibit conduct specified in sections 10(c)(1) or 10(c)(3) of the Act; (6) provide for a consultation process; (7) establish procedures for considering shippers' requests and complaints; and (8) provide for independent action. Parties to conference agreements are free to develop their own mandatory provisions in accordance with the requirements of section 5(b) of the Act.

(g) An agreement filed under the Act must be clear and definite in its terms, must embody the complete understanding of the parties, and must set forth the specific authorities and conditions under which the parties to the agreement will conduct their present operations and regulate the relationships among the agreement members.

(h) In order to promote competitive and efficient transportation and a greater reliance on the marketplace, the Act places limits on carriers' agreements regarding service contracts. Carriers may not enter into an agreement to prohibit or restrict members from engaging in contract negotiations, may not require members to disclose service contract negotiations or terms and conditions (other than those required to be published), and may not adopt mandatory rules or requirements affecting the right of an agreement member or agreement members to negotiate and enter into contracts. However, agreement members may adopt voluntary guidelines covering the terms and procedures of members' contracts.

§ 535.104 Definitions.

When used in this part:

(a) Agreement means an understanding, arrangement or association, written or oral (including any modification, cancellation or appendix) entered into by or among ocean common carriers and/or marine terminal operators, but does not include a maritime labor agreement.

Appendix means a document containing additional material of limited application and appended to an agreement, distinctly differentiated from the main body of the basic agreement.

(c) Assessment agreement means an agreement, whether part of a collective bargaining agreement or negotiated separately, to the extent that it provides for the collectively bargained fringe benefit obligations on other than a uniform man-hour basis regardless of the cargo handled or type of vessel or equipment utilized.

(d) Capacity management or capacity regulation agreement means an agreement between two or more ocean common carriers which authorizes withholding some part of the capacity of the parties' vessels from a specified transportation market, without reducing the real capacity of those vessels. The term does not include sailing agreements or space charter agreements.

(e) Common carrier means a person holding itself out to the general public to provide transportation by water of passengers or cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation that:

(1) Assumes responsibility for the transportation from the port or point of receipt to the port or point of destination; and

(2) Utilizes, for all or part of that transportation, a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a port in the United States and a port in a foreign country, except that the term does not include a common carrier engaged in ocean transportation by ferry boat, ocean tramp, or chemical parcel tanker, or by a vessel when primarily engaged in the carriage of perishable agricultural commodities:

(i) If the common carrier and the owner of those commodities are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a person primarily engaged in the marketing and distribution of those commodities; and

(ii) Only with respect to those commodities.

(g) Conference agreement means an agreement between or among two or more ocean common carriers which provides for the fixing of and adherence to uniform tariff rates, charges, practices and conditions of service relating to the receipt, carriage, handling and/or delivery of passengers or cargo for all members. The term does not include joint service, pooling, sailing, space charter, or transshipment agreements.

(h) Consultation means a process whereby a conference and a shipper confer for the purpose of promoting the commercial resolution of disputes and/or the prevention and elimination of the occurrence of malpractices.

(i) Cooperative working agreement means an agreement which establishes exclusive, preferential, or cooperative working relationships which are subject to the Shipping Act of 1984, but which do not fall precisely within the arrangements of any specifically defined agreement.

(j) Effective agreement means an agreement effective under the Act.

(k) Equal access agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers of different nationalities, as determined by the incorporation or domicile of the carriers' operating companies, whereby such common carriers associate for the purpose of gaining reciprocal access to cargo which is otherwise reserved by national decree, legislation, statute or regulation to carriage by the merchant marine of the carriers' respective nations.

(l) Independent neutral body means a disinterested third party, authorized by a conference and its members to review, examine and investigate alleged breaches or violations by any member of the conference agreement and/or the agreement's properly promulgated tariffs, rules or regulations.

(m) Information form means the form containing economic information which must accompany the filing of certain kinds of agreements and agreement modifications.

(n) Interconference agreement means an agreement between conferences.
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(o) Joint service agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers operating as a joint venture whereby a separate service is established which: (1) Holds itself out in its own distinct operating name; (2) independently fixes its own rates, charges, practices and conditions of service or chooses to participate in its operating name in another agreement which is duly authorized to determine and implement such activities; (3) independently publishes its own tariff or chooses to participate in its operating name in an otherwise established tariff; (4) issues its own bills of lading; and (5) acts generally as a single carrier. The common use of facilities may occur and there is no competition between members for traffic in the agreement trade; but they otherwise maintain their separate identities.

(p) Marine terminal facilities means one or more structures (and services connected therewith) comprising a terminal unit, including, but not limited to docks, berths, piers, aprons, wharves, warehouses, covered and/or open storage space, cold storage plants, grain elevators and/or bulk cargo loading and/or unloading structures, landings, and receiving stations, used for the transmission, care and convenience of cargo and/or passengers or the interchange of same between land and ocean common carriers or between two ocean common carriers. This term is not limited to waterfront or port facilities and includes so-called off-dock container freight stations at inland locations and any other facility from which inbound waterborne cargo may be tendered to the consignee or outbound cargo may be received from shippers for vessel or container loading.

(q) Marine terminal operator means a person engaged in the United States in the business of furnishing wharfage, dock, warehouse, or other terminal facilities in connection with a common carrier, or in connection with a common carrier and a water carrier subject to subchapter II of chapter 135 of Title 49 U.S.C. This term does not include shippers or consignees who exclusively furnish marine terminal facilities or services in connection with tendering or receiving proprietary cargo from a common carrier or water carrier.

(r) Maritime labor agreement means a collective-bargaining agreement between an employer subject to the Act or group of such employers, and a labor organization representing employees in the maritime or stevedoring industry, or an agreement preparatory to such a collective-bargaining agreement among members of a multiemployer bargaining group, or an agreement specifically implementing provisions of such a collective-bargaining agreement or providing for the formation, financing or administration of a multiemployer bargaining group; but the term does not include an assessment agreement.

(s) Modification means any change, alteration, correction, addition, deletion, or revision of an existing effective agreement or to any appendix to such an agreement.

(t) Monitoring report means the report containing economic information which must be filed at defined intervals with regard to certain kinds of agreements that are effective under the Act.

(u) Ocean common carrier means a vessel-operating common carrier, but the term does not include one engaged in ocean transportation by ferry boat or an ocean tramp.

(v) Ocean freight forwarder means a person in the United States that (1) dispatches shipments from the United States via common carriers and books or otherwise arranges space for those shipments on behalf of shippers, and (2) processes the documentation or performs related activities incident to those shipments.

(w) Person means individuals, corporations, partnerships and associations existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or of a foreign country.

(x) Pooling agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers which provides for the division of cargo carryings, earnings, or revenue and/or losses between the members in accordance with an established formula or scheme.

(y) Port means the place at which an ocean common carrier originates or
terminates (and/or transships) its actual ocean carriage of cargo or passengers as to any particular transportation movement.

(2) Rate, for purposes of this part, includes both the basic price paid by a shipper to an ocean common carrier for a specified level of transportation service for a stated quantity of a particular commodity, from origin to destination, on or after a stated effective date or within a defined time frame, and also any accessorial charges or allowances that increase or decrease the total transportation cost to the shipper.

(aa) Rate agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers which authorizes agreement upon, on either a binding basis under a common tariff or on a non-binding basis, or discussion of, any kind of rate.

(bb) Sailing agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers which provides for the rationalization of service by establishing a schedule of ports which each carrier will serve, the frequency of each carrier’s calls at those ports, and/or the size and capacity of the vessels to be deployed by the parties. The term does not include joint service agreements, or capacity management or capacity regulation agreements.

(cc) Service contract means a written contract, other than a bill of lading or a receipt, between one or more shippers and an individual ocean common carrier or an agreement between or among ocean common carriers in which the shipper or shippers make a commitment to provide a certain volume or portion of cargo over a fixed time period, and the ocean common carrier or the agreement commits to a certain rate or rate schedule and a defined service level—such as assured space, transit time, port rotation, or similar service features. The contract may also specify provisions in the event of nonperformance on the part of any party.

(dd) Shipper means:
   (1) A cargo owner;
   (2) The person for whose account the ocean transportation is provided;
   (3) The person to whom delivery is to be made;
   (4) A shippers’ association; or
   (5) A non-vessel-operating common carrier (i.e., a common carrier that does not operate the vessels by which the ocean transportation is provided and is a shipper in its relationship with an ocean common carrier) that accepts responsibility for payment of all charges applicable under the tariff or service contract.

(ee) Shippers’ association means a group of shippers that consolidates or distributes freight on a nonprofit basis for the members of the group in order to secure carload, truckload, or other volume rates or service contracts.

(ff) Shippers’ requests and complaints means a communication from a shipper to a conference requesting a change in tariff rates, rules, regulations, or service; protesting or objecting to existing rates, rules, regulations or service; objecting to rate increases or other tariff changes; protesting allegedly erroneous service contract or tariff implementation or application, and/or requesting to enter into a service contract. Routine information requests are not included in the term.

(gg) Space charter agreement means an agreement between ocean common carriers whereby a carrier (or carriers) agrees to provide vessel capacity for the use of another carrier (or carriers) in exchange for compensation or services. The arrangement may include arrangements for equipment interchange and receipt/delivery of cargo, but may not include capacity management or capacity regulation as used in this subpart.

(hh) Through transportation means continuous transportation between origin and destination for which a through rate is assessed and which is offered or performed by one or more carriers, at least one of which is an ocean common carrier, between a United States point or port and a foreign point or port.

(ii) Transshipment agreement means an agreement between an ocean common carrier serving a port or point of origin and another such carrier serving a port or point of destination, whereby cargo is transferred from one carrier to another carrier at an intermediate port served by direct vessel call of both such carriers in the conduct of through transportation. Such an agreement does not provide for the concerted discussion, publication or otherwise fixing
§ 535.201 of rates for the account of the cargo interests, conditions of service or other tariff matters other than the tariff description of the transshipment service offered, the port of transshipment and the participation of the nonpublishing carrier. An agreement which involves the movement of cargo in a domestic offshore trade as part of a through movement of cargo via transshipment involving the foreign commerce of the United States shall be considered to be in the foreign commerce of the United States and, therefore, subject to the Shipping Act of 1984 and the rules of this part.

(jj) Vessel-operating costs means any of the following expenses incurred by an ocean common carrier: Salaries and wages of officers and unlicensed crew, including relief crews and others regularly employed aboard the vessel; fringe benefits; expenses associated with consumable stores, supplies and equipment; vessel fuel and incidental costs; vessel maintenance and repair expense; hull and machinery insurance costs; protection and indemnity insurance costs; costs for other marine risk insurance not properly chargeable to hull and machinery insurance or to protection and indemnity insurance accounts; and charter hire expenses.


Subpart B—Scope

§ 535.201 Subject agreements.

(a) Ocean common carrier agreements.

This part applies to agreements by or among ocean common carriers to:

(1) Discuss, fix, or regulate transportation rates, including through rates, cargo space accommodations, and other conditions of service;

(2) Pool or apportion traffic, revenues, earnings, or losses;

(3) Allot ports or restrict or otherwise regulate the number and character of sailings between ports;

(4) Limit or regulate the volume or character of cargo or passenger traffic to be carried;

(5) Engage in exclusive, preferential, or cooperative working arrangements among themselves or with one or more marine terminal operators;

(6) Control, regulate, or prevent competition in international ocean transportation; or

(7) Discuss and agree on any matter related to service contracts.

(b) Marine terminal operator agreements. This part applies to agreements among marine terminal operators and among one or more marine terminal operators and one or more ocean carriers to:

(1) Discuss, fix, or regulate rates or other conditions of service; or

(2) Engage in exclusive, preferential, or cooperative working arrangements, to the extent that such agreements involve ocean transportation in the foreign commerce of the United States.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984; 49 FR 48927, Dec. 17, 1984, as amended at 64 FR 11241, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.202 Non-subject agreements.

This part does not apply to the following agreements:

(a) Any acquisition by any person, directly or indirectly, of any voting security or assets of any other person;

(b) Any maritime labor agreement;

(c) Any agreement related to transportation to be performed within or between foreign countries;

(d) Any agreement among common carriers to establish, operate, or maintain a marine terminal in the United States; and

(e) Any agreement among marine terminal operators which exclusively and solely involves transportation in the interstate commerce of the United States.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984. Redesignated and amended at 64 FR 11240, 11241, Mar. 8, 1999]

Subpart C—Exemptions

§ 535.301 Exemption procedures.

(a) Authority. The Commission, upon application or its own motion, may by order or rule exempt for the future any class of agreements between persons subject to the Act from any requirement of the Act if it finds that the exemption will not result in substantial reduction in competition or be detrimental to commerce.
§ 535.303 Husbanding agreements—exemption.

(a) A husbanding agreement is an agreement between a principal and an agent both of which are subject to the Act and which provides for the agent's handling of routine vessel operating activities in port, such as notifying port officials of vessel arrivals and departures; ordering pilots, tugs, and linehandlers; delivering mail; transmitting reports and requests from the Master to the owner/operator; dealing with passenger and crew matters; and providing similar services related to the above activities. The term does not include an agreement which provides for the solicitation or booking of cargoes, signing contracts or bills of lading and other related matters, nor does it include an agreement that prohibits the agent from entering into similar agreements with other carriers.

(b) A husbanding agreement is exempt from the filing requirements of the Act and of this part.

(c) The filing fee for such agreements is described in §535.401(f).
§ 535.304 Agency agreements—exemption.

(a) An agency agreement is an agreement between a principal and an agent both of which are subject to the Act, which provides for the agent’s solicitation and booking of cargoes and signing contracts of affreightment and bills of lading on behalf of an ocean common carrier. Such an agreement may or may not also include husbanding service functions and other functions incidental to the performance of duties by agents, including processing of claims, maintenance of a container equipment inventory control system, collection and remittance of freight and reporting functions.

(b) An agency agreement between persons subject to the Act is exempt from the filing requirements of the Act and of this part, except those: (1) Where a common carrier is to be the agent for a competing carrier in the same trade; or (2) which permit an agent to enter into similar agreements with more than one carrier in a trade.

(c) The filing fee for such agreements is described in §535.401(f).

§ 535.305 Equipment interchange agreements—exemption.

(a) An equipment interchange agreement is an agreement between two or more ocean common carriers for (1) the exchange of empty containers, chassis, empty LASH/SEABEE barges, and related equipment; and (2) the transportation of the equipment as required, payment therefor, management of the logistics of transferring, handling and positioning equipment, its use by the receiving carrier, its repair and maintenance, damages thereto, and liability incidental to the interchange of equipment.

(b) An equipment interchange agreement is exempt from the filing requirements of the Act and of this part.

(c) The filing fee for such agreements is described in §535.401(f).

§ 535.306 Non-exclusive transshipment agreements—exemption.

(a) A nonexclusive transshipment agreement is an agreement by which one ocean common carrier serving a port of origin by direct vessel call and another such carrier serving a port of destination by direct vessel call provide transportation between such ports via an intermediate port served by direct vessel call of both such carriers and at which cargo will be transferred from one to the other and which agreement does not: (1) Prohibit either carrier from entering into similar agreements with other carriers; (2) guarantee any particular volume of traffic or available capacity; or (3) provide for the discussion or fixing of rates for the account of the cargo interests, conditions of service or other tariff matters other than the tariff description of the service offered as being by means of transshipment, the port of transshipment and the participation of the nonpublishing carrier.

(b) A nonexclusive transshipment agreement is exempt from the filing requirements of the Act and of this part, provided that the tariff provisions set forth in paragraph (c) of this section and the content requirements of paragraph (d) of this section are met.

(c) The applicable tariff or tariffs shall provide:

(1) The through rate;
(2) The routings (origin, transshipment and destination ports); additional charges, if any (i.e. port arbitrary and/or additional transshipment charges); and participating carriers; and
(3) A tariff provision substantially as follows:

The rules, regulations, and rates in this tariff apply to all transshipment arrangements between the publishing carrier or carriers and the participating, connecting or feeder carrier. Every participating connecting or feeder carrier which is a party to transshipment arrangements has agreed to observe the rules, regulations, rates, and routings established herein as evidenced by a connecting carrier agreement between the parties.

(d) Nonexclusive transshipment agreements must contain the entire arrangement between the parties, must
contain a declaration of the nonexclusive character of the arrangement and may provide for:

(1) The identification of the parties and the specification of their respective roles in the arrangement;

(2) A specification of the governed cargo;

(3) The specification of responsibility for the issuance of bills of lading (and the assumption of common carriage-associated liabilities) to the cargo interests;

(4) The specification of the origin, transshipment and destination ports;

(5) The specification of the governing tariff(s) and provision for their succession;

(6) The specification of the particulars of the nonpublishing carrier’s concurrence/participation in the tariff of the publishing carrier;

(7) The division of revenues earned as a consequence of the described carriage;

(8) The division of expenses incurred as a consequence of the described carriage;

(9) Termination and/or duration of the agreement;

(10) Intercarrier indemnification or provision for intercarrier liabilities consequential to the contemplated carriage and such documentation as may be necessary to evidence the involved obligations;

(11) The care, handling and liabilities for the interchange of such carrier equipment as may be consequential to the involved carriage;

(12) Such rationalization of services as may be necessary to ensure the cost effective performance of the contemplated carriage; and

(13) Such agency relationships as may be necessary to provide for the pickup and/or delivery of the cargo.

(e) No subject other than as listed in paragraph (d) of this section may be included in exempted nonexclusive transshipment agreements.

(f) The filing fee for such agreements is described in §535.401(f).

§535.307 Marine terminal agreements—exemption.

(a) Marine terminal agreement means an agreement, understanding, or association written or oral (including any modification, cancellation or appendix) that applies to future, prospective activities between or among the parties and which relates solely to marine terminal facilities and/or services among marine terminal operators and among one or more marine terminal operators and one or more ocean common carriers that completely sets forth the applicable rates, charges, terms and conditions agreed to by the parties for the facilities and/or services provided for under the agreement. The term does not include a joint venture arrangement among marine terminal operators to establish a separate, distinct entity that fixes its own rates and publishes its own tariff.

(b) Marine terminal conference agreement means an agreement between or among two or more marine terminal operators and/or ocean common carriers for the conduct or facilitation of marine terminal operations which provides for the fixing of and adherence to uniform maritime terminal rates, charges, practices and conditions of service relating to the receipt, handling, and/or delivery of passengers or cargo for all members.

(c) Marine terminal discussion agreement means an agreement between or among two or more marine terminal operators and/or marine terminal conferences and/or ocean common carriers solely for the discussion of subjects including marine terminal rates, charges, practices and conditions of service relating to the receipt, handling and/or delivery of passengers or cargo.

(d) Marine terminal interconference agreement means an agreement between or among two or more marine terminal conferences and/or marine terminal discussion agreements.

(e) All marine terminal agreements, as defined in §535.307(a), with the exception of marine terminal conference, marine terminal interconference and marine terminal discussion agreements as defined in §535.307 (b), (c) and (d) are exempt from the waiting period requirements of section 6 of the Shipping Act of 1984 and part 535 of this chapter.
§ 535.308 Agreements between or among wholly-owned subsidiaries and/or their parent—exemption.

(a) An agreement between or among wholly-owned subsidiaries and/or their parent means an agreement under section 4 of the 1984 Act between or among an ocean common carrier or marine terminal operator subject to the 1984 Act and any one or more ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators which are ultimately owned 100 percent by that ocean common carrier or marine terminal operator, or an agreement between or among such wholly-owned carriers or terminal operators.

(b) All agreements between or among wholly-owned subsidiaries and/or their parent are exempt from the filing requirements of the 1984 Act and of this part.

(c) Common carriers are exempt from section 10(c) of the 1984 Act to the extent that the concerted activities prescribed by that section result solely from agreements between or among wholly-owned subsidiaries and/or their parent.

(d) All agreements between or among wholly-owned subsidiaries and/or their parent are exempt from the requirements of § 535.301(f) of this part.

(e) The filing fee for such agreements is described in § 535.401(f).


§ 535.309 Miscellaneous modifications to agreements—exemptions.

(a) Each of the following types of modifications to agreements is exempt from the notice and waiting period requirements of the Act and of this part provided that such modifications are filed for informational purposes in the proper format:

(1) Any modification which cancels an effective agreement.

(2) Any modification to the following:

(i) Parties to the agreement (limited to conference agreements, voluntary ratemaking agreements having no other anticompetitive authority (e.g., pooling authority or capacity reduction authority), and discussion agreements among passenger vessel operating common carriers which are open to all ocean common carriers operating passenger vessels of a class defined in the agreements and which do not contain ratemaking, pooling, joint service, sailing or space chartering authority).

(ii) Officials of the agreement and delegations of authority.

(iii) Neutral body policing (limited to the description of neutral body authority and procedures related thereto).

(b) Any modification exempt under paragraph (a) is effective upon filing.

(c) The filing fee for such agreements is described in § 535.401(f).

arrangement for the use of marine terminal facilities or property.

(b) All marine terminal services agreements as defined in §535.310(a) are exempt from the filing and waiting period requirements of sections 5 and 6 of the Shipping Act of 1984 and Part 535 of this chapter on condition that:

(1) They do not include rates, charges, rules and regulations which are determined through a marine terminal conference agreement, as defined in 46 CFR 535.307(b); and

(2) No antitrust immunity is conferred pursuant to section 7 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. 1706, with regard to terminal services provided to a common carrier by water under a marine terminal services agreement which is not filed with the Commission pursuant to the exemption provided by §535.310(b).

(c) The filing fee for such agreements is described in §535.401(f).


§535.401 General requirements. (a) All agreements (including oral agreements reduced to writing in accordance with the Act) subject to this part and filed with the Commission for review and disposition pursuant to section 6 of the Act, shall be submitted during regular business hours to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573. Such filing shall consist of:

(1) A true copy and 7 additional copies of the filed agreement;

(2) Where required by this part, an original and five copies of the completed Information Form Referenced at subpart E of this part; and

(3) A letter of transmittal as described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b)(1) A filed agreement, to include such supporting documents as are submitted, shall be forwarded to the Commission via a letter of transmittal.

(b)(2) The letter of transmittal shall: (i) Identify all of the documents being transmitted including, in the instance of a modification to an effective agreement, the full name of the effective agreement, the Commission-assigned agreement number of the effective agreement and the revision, page and/or appendix number of the modification being filed; (ii) provide a concise, succinct summary of the filed agreement or modification separate and apart from any narrative intended to provide support for the acceptability of the agreement or modification; (iii) clearly provide the typewritten or otherwise imprinted name, position, business address and telephone number of the forwarding party; and, (iv) be signed in the original by the forwarding party's behalf by an authorized employee or agent of the forwarding party.

(b)(3) To facilitate the timely and accurate publication of the FEDERAL REGISTER Notice, the letter of transmittal shall also provide a current list of the agreement's participants where such
§ 535.402 Form of agreements. The requirements of this section apply to all agreements except for cancellations, marine terminal agreements, and assessment agreements.

(a) Agreements shall be clearly and legibly written. Agreements in a language other than English shall be accompanied by an English translation.

(b) Every agreement shall include or be accompanied by a title page indicating:

(1) The name in which the agreement holds out service, or, in the absence of such a holding out, the full name of the agreement;

(2) Once assigned, the Commission-assigned agreement number;

(3) The generic classification of the agreement in conformity with the definitions in §535.104;

(4) The date on which the entire agreement was last republished in accordance with §535.403(g); and

(5) If applicable, the currently effective expiration date of the agreement and/or any specific provision thereof.

(c) Each agreement page (including modifications and appendices) shall be identified by printing the agreement name (as shown on the agreement Title Page) and, once assigned, the applicable Commission-assigned agreement number at the top of each page.

(d) Each agreement and/or modification filed will be signed in the original by an official or authorized representative of each of the parties and shall indicate the typewritten full name of the signing party and his or her position, including organizational affiliation. Faxed or photocopied signatures will be accepted if replaced with an original signature as soon as practicable before the effective date.

(e) Every agreement shall include or be accompanied by a Table of Contents providing for the location of all agreement provisions.

§ 535.403 Agreement provisions. If the following information (necessary for the expeditious processing of the agreement filing) does not appear fully in the text of the agreement, it shall be indicated in an attachment or appendix to the agreement, or on the title page:

(a) Details regarding parties. Indicate the full legal name of each party, including any FMC-assigned agreement number associated with that name; and the address of its principal office (to the exclusion of the address of any agent or representative not an employee of the participating carrier or association).

(b) Geographic scope of the agreement. State the ports or port ranges to which the agreement applies and any inland points or areas to which it also applies with respect to the exercise of the collective activities contemplated and authorized in the agreement.

(c) Officials of the agreement and delegations of authority. Specify, by organizational title, the administrative and...
executive officials determined by the parties to the agreement to be responsible for designated affairs of the agreement and the respective duties and authorities delegated to those officials. At a minimum, specify:

1. The officials with authority to file agreements and agreement modifications and to submit associated supporting materials or with authority to delegate such authority; and
2. A statement as to any designated U.S. representative of the agreement required by this chapter.

§ 535.404 Organization of conference and interconference agreements.

(a) Each conference agreement shall include the following:

1. Neutral body policing. State that, at the request of any member, the conference shall engage the services of an independent neutral body to fully police the obligations of the conference and its members. Include a description of any such neutral body authority and procedures related thereto.
2. Prohibited acts. State affirmatively that the conference shall not engage in conduct prohibited by section 10(c)(1) or 10(c)(3) of the Act.
3. Consultation: Shippers' requests and complaints. Specify the procedures for consultation with shippers and for handling shippers' requests and complaints.
4. Independent action. Include provisions for independent action in accordance with §535.801 of this part.

(b)(1) Each agreement between carriers not members of the same conference must provide the right of independent action for each carrier.
(2) Each interconference agreement must provide the right of independent action for each conference and specify the procedures therefor.

§ 535.405 Modifications of agreements.

The requirements of this section apply to all agreements except for marine terminal agreements and assessment agreements.

(a) Agreement modifications shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of §535.401 and in the format specified in §535.402.
(b) Agreement modifications shall be made by reprinting the entire page on which the matter being changed is published ("revised pages"). Revised pages shall indicate the consecutive denomination of the revision (e.g., "1st Revised Page 7"). Additional material may be published on a new original page. New pages inserted between existing pages shall be numbered with an appropriate suffix (e.g., a page inserted between page 7 and page 8 shall be numbered 7a, 7.1, or similarly).
(c) If the modification is made by the use of revised pages, the modification shall be accompanied by a page, submitted for illustrative purposes only, indicating the language being modified in the following manner (unless such marks are apparent on the face of the agreement):
1. Language being deleted or superseded shall be struck through; and,
2. New and initial or replacement language shall immediately follow the language being superseded and be underlined.
(d) If a modification requires the relocation of the provisions of the agreement, such modification shall be accompanied by a revised Table of Contents page which shall report the new location of the agreement's provisions.
(e) When deemed necessary to ensure the clarity of an agreement, the Commission may require parties to republish their entire agreement, incorporating such modifications as have been made. No information form requirements apply to the filing of a republished agreement.

§ 535.406 Application for waiver.

(a) Upon showing of good cause, the Commission may waive the requirements of §§535.401, 535.402, 535.403, 535.404 and 535.405.
(b) Requests for such a waiver shall be submitted in advance of the filing of the agreement to which the requested waiver would apply and shall state:
1. The specific provisions from which relief is sought;
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(2) The special circumstances requiring the requested relief; and
(3) Why granting the requested waiver will not substantially impair effective regulation of the agreement.

[61 FR 11575, Mar. 21, 1996]

§ 535.407 Complete and definite agreements.

(a) Any agreement required to be filed by the Act and this part shall be the complete agreement among the parties and shall specify in detail the substance of the understanding of the parties.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, agreement clauses which contemplate a further agreement or give the parties authority to discuss and/or negotiate a further agreement, the terms of which are not fully set forth in the enabling agreement, will be permitted only if the enabling agreement indicates that any such further agreement cannot go into effect unless filed and effective under the Act.

(c) Further specific agreements or understandings which are established pursuant to express enabling authority in an agreement are considered interstitial implementation and are permitted without further filing under section 5 of the Act only if the further agreement concerns routine operational or administrative matters, including the establishment of tariff rates, rules, and regulations.


Subpart E—Information Form Requirements

SOURCE: 61 FR 11575, Mar. 21, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

§ 535.501 General requirements.

(a) Certain agreement filings must be accompanied with an Information Form setting forth information and data on the filing parties' prior cargo carryings, revenue results and port service patterns.

(b) The filing parties to an agreement subject to this subpart shall complete and submit an original and five copies of the applicable Information Form at the time the agreement is filed. Copies of the applicable Form may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary or by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

(c) A complete response in accordance with the instructions on the Information Form shall be supplied to each item. Whenever the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information.

(d) The Information Form for a particular agreement may be supplemented with any other information or documentary material.

(e) The Information Form and any additional information submitted in conjunction with the filing of a particular agreement shall not be disclosed except as provided in § 535.608.

[61 FR 11575, Mar. 21, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 11240, 11243, Mar. 8, 1999]
§ 535.502 Information form for Class A/B agreements.

(a) The Information Form for Class A/B agreements, with accompanying instructions that are intended to facilitate the completion of the Form, is set forth in appendix A of this part. The instructions should be read in conjunction with the Shipping Act of 1984 and with this part 535.

(b) Modifications to Class A/B agreements that expand the geographic scope of the agreement or modifications to Class C agreements that change the class of the agreement from C to A/B must be accompanied by an Information Form for Class A/B agreements.

[61 FR 11575, Mar. 21, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 11240, 11243, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.503 Information form for Class C agreements.

The Information Form for Class C agreements, with accompanying instructions that are intended to facilitate the completion of the Form, is set forth in appendix B of this part. The explanation and instructions should be read in conjunction with the Shipping Act of 1984 and 46 CFR part 535.

[61 FR 11575, Mar. 21, 1996, as amended at 64 FR 11240, 11243, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.504 Application for waiver.

(a) Upon a showing of good cause, the Commission may waive any part of the information form requirements of § 535.503 or § 535.504.

(b) A request for such a waiver must be approved in advance of the filing of the information form to which the requested waiver would apply. The Commission will take into account the presence or absence of shipper complaints in considering an application for a waiver. Requests for a waiver shall state:

(1) The specific requirements from which relief is sought;

(2) The special circumstances requiring the requested relief; and

(3) Why granting the requested waiver will not substantially impair effective regulation of the agreement, either during pre-implementation review or during post-implementation monitoring.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984, as amended at 61 FR 11576, Mar. 21, 1996]

§ 535.601 Preliminary review—rejection of agreements.

(a) The Commission shall make a preliminary review of each filed agreement to determine whether the agreement is in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act and this part and, where applicable, whether the accompanying Information Form is complete or, where not complete, whether the deficiency is adequately explained or is excused by a waiver granted by the Commission under § 535.505.

(b)(1) The Commission shall reject any agreement that otherwise fails to comply with the filing and Information Form requirements of the Act and this part. The Commission shall notify in writing the person filing the agreement of the reason for rejection of the agreement. The entire filing, including the agreement, the Information Form and any other information or documents submitted, shall be returned to the filing party.

(2) Should the agreement be refiled, the full waiting period must be observed.


§ 535.602 Federal Register notice.

(a) With the exception of marine terminal facilities agreements, as defined in § 535.311(a), a notice of any filed agreement which is not rejected pursuant to § 535.601 will be transmitted to the Federal Register within seven days of the date of filing.

(b) The notice will include:

(1) A short title for the agreement;

(2) The identity of the parties to the agreement and the filing party;

(3) The Federal Maritime Commission agreement number;

(4) A concise summary of the agreement’s contents;

(5) A statement that the agreement is available for inspection at the Commission’s offices; and

(6) The final date for filing comments regarding the agreement.

§ 535.603  Comment.

(a) Persons may file with the Secretary written comments regarding a filed agreement. Such comments will be submitted in an original and ten (10) copies and are not subject to any limitations except the time limits provided in the Federal Register notice. Late-filed comments will be received only by leave of the Commission and only upon a showing of good cause. If requested, comments and any accompanying material shall be accorded confidential treatment to the fullest extent permitted by law. Such requests must include a statement of legal basis for confidential treatment including the citation of appropriate statutory authority. Where a determination is made to disclose all or a portion of a comment, notwithstanding a request for confidentiality, the party requesting confidentiality will be notified prior to disclosure.

(b) The filing of a comment does not entitle a person to: (1) reply to the comment by the Commission; (2) the institution of any Commission or court proceeding; (3) discussion of the comment in any Commission or court proceeding concerning the filed agreement; or (4) participation in any proceeding which may be instituted.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984, as amended at 57 FR 40619, Sept. 4, 1992]

§ 535.604  Waiting period.

(a) The waiting period before an agreement becomes effective shall commence on the date that an agreement is filed with the Commission.

(b) Unless suspended by a request for additional information or extended by court order, the waiting period terminates and an agreement becomes effective on the latter of the 45th day after the filing of the agreement with the Commission or on the 30th day after publication of notice of the filing in the Federal Register.

(c) The waiting period is suspended on the date when the Commission, either orally or in writing, requests additional information or documentary materials pursuant to section 6(d) of the Act. The waiting period resumes on the date of receipt of the additional material or of a statement of the reasons for noncompliance, and the agreement becomes effective in 45 days unless the waiting period is further extended by court order.

§ 535.605  Requests for expedited approval.

(a) Upon written request of the filing party, the Commission may shorten the review period. Accompanying the request, the filing party should provide a full explanation, with reference to specific facts and circumstances, of the necessity for a shortened waiting period. If the Commission decides to approve an abbreviated waiting period, the term will be decided after consideration of the parties' needs and the Commission's ability to perform its review functions under a reduced time schedule. In no event, however, may the period be shortened to less than fourteen days after the publication of the notice of the filing of the agreement in the Federal Register. When a request for expedited approval is denied by the Commission, the normal waiting period specified in § 535.604 will apply. Such expedition will not be granted routinely and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances which include but are not limited to: the impending expiration of the agreement; operational urgency; Federal or State imposed time limitations; or other reasons which, in the Commission's discretion, constitute grounds for granting the request.

(b) A request for expedited approval will be considered for an agreement whose waiting period has resumed after having been suspended by a request for additional information.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 16704, Apr. 29, 1985]

§ 535.606  Requests for additional information.

(a) The Commission may request from the filing party any additional information and documentary material necessary to complete the statutory review required by section 6 of the Act. The request shall be made prior to the expiration of the waiting period. All additional information and documentary material shall be submitted to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, Federal Maritime
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Commission, Washington, DC 20573. If the request is not fully complied with, a statement of reasons for noncompliance shall be provided for each item or portion of such request which is not fully answered.

(b) Where the Commission has made a request for additional information material, the agreement’s effective date is 45 days after receipt of the additional material. In the event all material is not submitted, the agreement’s effective date will be 45 days after receipt of both the documents and information which are submitted, if any, and the statement indicating the reasons for noncompliance. The Commission may, upon notice to the Attorney General, and pursuant to sections 6(i) and 6(k) of the Act, request the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to further extend the agreement’s effective date until there has been substantial compliance.

(c) A request for additional information may be made orally or in writing. In the case of an oral request, a written confirmation of the request shall be mailed to the filing party within seven days of the communication.

(d) The party upon whom a request for additional information is made will have a reasonable time to respond, as specified by the Commission. The test of reasonableness shall be based on the particular circumstances of the request and shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

(e) Notice that a request for additional information has been made will be published by the Commission and served on commenting parties. Such notice will indicate only that a request has been made and will not specify what information is being sought. Within fifteen (15) days following service of the notice, further comments on the agreement may be filed.

§ 535.607 Failure to comply with requests for additional information.

(a) A failure to comply with a request for additional information results when a person filing an agreement, or an officer, director, partner, agent, or employee thereof fails to substantially respond to the request or does not file a satisfactory statement of reasons for noncompliance. An adequate response is one which directly addresses the Commission’s request. When a response is not received by the Commission within a specified time, failure to comply will have occurred.

(b) The Commission may, pursuant to section 6(i) of the Act, request relief from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia when it considers that there has been a failure to substantially comply with a request for additional information. The Commission may request that the court:

(1) Order compliance with the request; and

(2) At its discretion, grant other equitable relief which under the circumstances seems necessary or appropriate.

(c) Where there has been a failure to substantially comply, section 6(i)(2) of the Act provides that the court shall extend the review period until there has been substantial compliance.

§ 535.608 Confidentiality of submitted material.

(a) Except for an agreement filed under section 5 of the Act, all information submitted to the Commission by the filing party will be exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552. Included in this disclosure exemption is information provided in the Information Form, voluntary submission of additional information, reasons for noncompliance, and replies to requests for additional information.

(b) Information which is confidential pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section may be disclosed, however, to the extent:

(1) It is relevant to an administrative or judicial action or proceeding; or

(2) It is disclosed to either body of Congress or to a duly authorized committee or subcommittee of Congress.

(c) Parties may voluntarily disclose or make information publicly available. If parties elect to disclose information they shall promptly inform the Commission.

[49 FR 45351, Nov. 15, 1984, as amended at 61 FR 11576, Mar. 21, 1996]
§ 535.609 Negotiations.

At any time after the filing of an agreement and prior to the conclusion of judicial injunctive proceedings, the filing party or an authorized representative may submit additional factual or legal support for an agreement or may propose modifications of an agreement. Such negotiations between Commission personnel and filing parties may continue during the pendency of injunctive proceedings. Shippers, other government departments or agencies, and other third parties may not participate in negotiations.

Subpart G—Reporting and Record Retention Requirements

§ 535.701 General requirements.

(a) Certain agreements are required to submit quarterly Monitoring Reports on an ongoing basis for as long as they remain in effect, setting forth information and data on the agreement member lines' cargo carryings, revenue results and port service patterns under the agreement.

(b) Certain agreements are required to submit minutes of their meetings for as long as they remain in effect.

(c) Joint Services. For purposes of the requirements of this Subpart, a joint service filing its own Monitoring Report shall file as one carrier. If a joint service is a party to another agreement that is otherwise subject to the requirements of this Subpart, the joint service shall be treated as one member of that agreement for purposes of that agreement’s Monitoring Reports.

(d) Address. Monitoring Reports and minutes required by this subpart should be addressed to the Commission as follows: Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573-0001. Copies of the applicable Monitoring Report form may be obtained from the Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis. The lower, left-hand corner of the envelope in which each Monitoring Report or set of minutes is forwarded should indicate the nature of its contents and the related agreement number. For example: “Monitoring Report, Agreement 5000” or “Minutes, Agreement 5000.”

(e) Electronic filing. Reports and minutes required to be filed by this subpart may be filed by electronic transmission in lieu of hard copy. Detailed information on electronic transmission is available from the Commission’s Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis. Certification and signature requirements of this subpart can be met on electronic transmissions through use of a pre-assigned Personal Identification Number (PIN) obtained from the Commission. PINs can be obtained by submission by an official of the filing party of a statement to the Commission agreeing that inclusion of the PIN in the transmission constitutes the signature of the official. Only one PIN will be issued for each agreement. Where a filing party has more than one official authorized to file minutes or reports, each additional official must submit such a statement countersigned by the principal official of the filing party. Each filing official will be issued a unique password. A PIN or designation of authorized filing officials may be canceled or changed at any time upon the written request of the principal official of the filing party. Direct electronic transmission filings may be made at any time except between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Eastern time on Commission business days.

(f) Time for filing. Monitoring Reports shall be filed within 75 days of the end of each calendar quarter. Other documents shall be filed within 30 days of the end of a quarter-year, a meeting, or the receipt of a request for documents.

(g) A complete response in accordance with the instructions on the applicable Monitoring Report shall be supplied to each item. Whenever the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for non-compliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information.

(h) A Monitoring Report for a particular agreement may be supplemented with any other information or documentary material.
§ 535.706 Confidentiality.

(i) The Monitoring Reports, minutes, and any other additional information submitted for a particular agreement will be exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552, except to the extent:

(i) It is relevant to an administrative or judicial action or proceeding; or
(ii) It is disclosed to either body of Congress or to a duly authorized committee or subcommittee of Congress.

(2) Parties may voluntarily disclose or make Monitoring Reports, minutes or any other additional information publicly available. The Commission must be promptly informed of any such voluntary disclosure.


§ 535.702 Agreements subject to Monitoring Report requirements.

(a) Agreements subject to the Monitoring Report requirements of this subpart are divided into three classes, Class A, Class B and Class C. When used in this subpart:

(1) Class A agreement means an agreement that is subject to the definition set forth in §535.502(a) and has market shares of 50 percent or more in half or more of its sub-trades.

(2) Class B agreement means an agreement that is subject to the definition set forth in §535.502(a) but does not have market shares of 50 percent or more in half or more of its sub-trades.

(b) Classification of an agreement as “Class A” or “Class B” for purposes of its reporting obligations under this subpart shall be done by the Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, based in the first instance on the market share data reported on the agreement’s Information Form pursuant to §535.503, or on similar data otherwise obtained. Thereafter, before the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis shall determine whether the agreement should be classified as “Class A” or “Class B” for that year, based on the market share data reported on the agreement’s quarterly Monitoring Report for the previous second quarter (April-June).

(c) Class C agreement means an agreement that is subject to the definition set forth in §535.502(b).


§ 535.703 Monitoring report for Class A agreements.

The Monitoring Report form for Class A agreements, with accompanying instructions that are intended to facilitate the completion of the Report, is set forth in appendix C of this part. The instructions should be read in conjunction with the Shipping Act of 1984 and with 46 CFR part 535.

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§ 535.704 Monitoring report for Class B agreements.

The Monitoring Report form for Class B agreements, with accompanying instructions that are intended to facilitate the completion of the Report, is set forth in appendix D of this part. The instructions should be read in conjunction with the Shipping Act of 1984 and with 46 CFR part 535.

[61 FR 11577, Mar. 21, 1996]

§ 535.705 Monitoring report for Class C agreements.

The Monitoring Report form for Class C agreements, with accompanying instructions that are intended to facilitate the completion of the Report, is set forth in appendix E of this part. The explanation and instructions should be read in conjunction with the Shipping Act of 1984 and 46 CFR part 535.

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§ 535.706 Filing of minutes—including shippers’ requests and complaints, and consultations.

(a) Meetings. For purposes of this subpart, the term meeting shall include any meeting of the parties to the agreement, including meetings of their agents, principals, owners, committees, or subcommittees of the parties authorized to take final action on behalf of the parties. Where the agreement so authorizes, this includes final action by telephonic or personal polls of the membership.
§ 535.707 Other documents.

Each agreement required to file minutes pursuant to §535.706 shall list in said minutes all reports, circulars, notices, statistics, analytical studies or other documents, not otherwise filed with the Commission pursuant to this subpart, which are distributed to the member lines and are used to reach a final decision on any of the following matters:

(a) Revenue projections and plans. (This would exclude individual rate adjustments but would include general rate adjustments, surcharges and other items affecting shipper costs.)

(b) Studies regarding proposed changes to the conference agreement or its membership.

(c) Non-conference competition.

(d) Changes in the nature and type of transportation service generally and specifically at individual ports or points.

(e) Trade tonnaging requirements, vessel utilization and vessel replacement plans.

(f) Conference participation in trade (market share).

(g) The exercise of the right of independent action.

(h) Development of transportation technology and intermodal services.

(i) Malpractices.

(j) Use of service contracts, time volume rate schemes and loyalty contracts.

(k) Conference relationship with shippers and shipper groups.

(l) Governmental and other foreign requirements affecting the conference.

§ 535.708 Retention of records.

Each agreement required to file minutes pursuant to this subpart shall retain a copy of each document listed in said minutes for a minimum period of 3 years after the date the document is distributed to the members. Such documents may be requested by the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, in writing by reference to a specific minute, and shall indicate that the documents will be received in confidence. Requested documents shall
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§ 535.709 Application for waiver.

(a) Upon a showing of good cause, the Commission may waive any requirement of this subpart.

(b) A request for such a waiver must be approved in advance of the filing of the Monitoring Report or minutes to which the requested waiver would apply. The Commission will take into account the presence or absence of shipper complaints in considering an application for a waiver. Requests for a waiver shall state:

(1) The specific requirements from which relief is sought;

(2) the special circumstances requiring the requested relief; and

(3) why granting the requested waiver will not substantially impair effective regulation of the agreement.

[61 FR 11576, Mar. 21, 1996]

Subpart H—Mandatory and Prohibited Provisions

§ 535.801 Independent action.

(a) Each conference agreement shall specify the independent action ("IA") procedures of the conference, which shall provide that any conference member may take independent action on any rate or service item upon not more than 5 calendar days' notice to the conference and shall otherwise be in conformance with section 5(b)(8) of the Act.

(b)(1) Each conference agreement that provides for a period of notice for independent action shall establish a fixed or maximum period of notice to the conference. A conference agreement shall not require or permit a conference member to give more than 5 calendar days' notice to the conference, except that in the case of a new or increased rate the notice period shall conform to the tariff publication requirements of this chapter.

(2) A conference agreement shall not prescribe notice periods for adopting, withdrawing, postponing, canceling, or taking other similar actions on independent actions.

(c) Each conference agreement shall indicate the conference official, single designated representative, or conference office to which notice of independent action is to be provided. A conference agreement shall not require notice of independent action to be given by the proposing member to the other parties to the agreement.

(d) A conference agreement shall not require a member who proposes independent action to attend a conference meeting, to submit any further information other than that necessary to accomplish the publication of the independent tariff item, or to comply with any other procedure for the purpose of explaining, justifying, or compromising the proposed independent action.

(e) A conference agreement shall specify that any new rate or service item proposed by a member under independent action (except for exempt commodities not published in the conference tariff) shall be included by the conference in its tariff for use by that member effective no later than 5 calendar days after receipt of the notice and by any other member that notifies the conference that it elects to adopt the independent rate or service item on or after its effective date.

(f)(1) As it pertains to this part, "adopt" means the assumption in identical form of an originating member's independent action rate or service item, or a particular portion of such rate or service item. If a carrier adopts an IA at a lower rate than the conference rate when there is less than 30 days remaining on the original IA, the adopted IA should be made to expire 30 days after its effectiveness to comply with the statutory 30-day notice requirement. In the case of an independent action time/volume rate ("IA TVR"), the dates of the adopting IA may vary from the dates of the original IA, so long as the duration of the adopting IA is the same as that of the originating IA. Furthermore, no term other than "adopt" (e.g., "follow," "match") can be used to describe the action of assuming as one's own an initiating carrier's IA. Additionally, if a party to an agreement chooses to take on an IA of another party, but alters it, such action is considered a new IA and
must be published pursuant to the IA publication and notice provisions of the applicable agreement.

(2) An IA TVR published by a member of a ratemaking agreement may be adopted by another member of the agreement, provided that the adopting member takes on the original IA TVR in its entirety without change to any aspect of the original rate offering (except beginning and ending dates in the time period) (i.e., a separate TVR with a separate volume of cargo but for the same duration). Any subsequent IA TVR offering which results in a change in any aspect of the original IA TVR, other than the name of the offering carrier or the beginning date of the adopting IA TVR, is a new independent action and shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable agreement. The adoption procedures discussed above do not authorize the participation by an adopting carrier in the cargo volume of the originating carrier's IA TVR. Member lines may publish and participate in joint IA TVRs, if permitted to do so under the terms of their agreement; however, no carrier may participate in an IA TVR already published by another carrier.

(g) A conference agreement shall not require or permit individual member lines to be assessed on a per carrier usage basis the costs and/or administrative expenses incurred by the agreement in processing independent action filings.

(h) A conference agreement may not permit the conference to unilaterally designate an expiration date for an independent action taken by a member line. The right to determine the duration of an IA remains with the member line, and a member line must be given the opportunity to designate whatever duration it chooses for its IA, regardless if the duration is for a special period or open ended. Only in instances where a member line gives its consent to the conference, or where a member line freely elects not to provide for the duration of its IA after having been given the opportunity, can the conference designate an expiration date for the member line's IA.

(i) Any new conference agreement or any modification to an existing conference agreement which does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be rejected pursuant to § 535.601.

(j) If ratemaking is by sections within a conference, then any notice to the conference required by § 535.801 may be made to the particular ratemaking section.

[57 FR 54531, Nov. 19, 1992, as amended at 64 FR 11243, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.802 Service contracts.

(a) Ocean common carrier agreements may not prohibit or restrict a member or members of the agreement from engaging in negotiations for service contracts with one or more shippers.

(b) Ocean common carrier agreements may not require a member or members of the agreement to disclose a negotiation on a service contract, or the terms and conditions of a service contract, other than those terms or conditions required by section 8(c)(3) of the Shipping Act.

(c) Ocean common carrier agreements may not adopt mandatory rules or requirements affecting the right of an agreement member or agreement members to negotiate or enter into service contracts.

(d) An agreement may provide authority to adopt voluntary guidelines relating to the terms and procedures of an agreement member's or agreement members' service contracts if the guidelines explicitly state the right of the members of the agreement not to follow these guidelines.

(e) Voluntary guidelines shall be submitted to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. Voluntary guidelines shall be kept confidential in accordance with § 535.608 of this part. Use of voluntary guidelines prior to their submission is prohibited.

[64 FR 11244, Mar. 8, 1999]

§ 535.803 Ocean freight forwarder compensation.

No conference or group of two or more ocean common carriers may:

(a) Deny to any member of such conference or group the right, upon notice of not more than 5 calendar days, to
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take independent action on any level of compensation paid to an ocean freight forwarder; or

(b) Agree to limit the payment of compensation to an ocean freight forwarder to less than 1.25 percent of the aggregate of all rates and charges applicable under the tariff assessed against the cargo on which the forwarding services are provided.

[64 FR 11244, Mar. 8, 1999]

Subpart I—Penalties

§ 535.901 Failure to file.

Any person operating under an agreement involving activities subject to the Act pursuant to sections 4 and 5(a) of the Act and this part and not exempted pursuant to section 16 of the Act or excluded from filing by the Act, which has not been filed and has not become effective pursuant to the Act and of this part and is subject to the civil penalties set forth in section 13(a) of the Act.

§ 535.902 Falsification of reports.

Knowing falsification of any report required by the Act or this part, including knowing falsification of any item in any applicable Information Form or Monitoring Report, is a violation of the rules of this part and is subject to the civil penalties set forth in section 13(a) of the Act.

§ 535.991 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

This section displays the control number assigned to information collection requirements of the Commission in this part by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. The Commission intends that this section comply with the requirements of section 3507(a)(3) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires that agencies display a current control number assigned by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each agency information collection requirement:

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[49 FR 45431, Nov. 15, 1984, as amended at 61 FR 11577, Mar. 21, 1996]

APPENDIX A TO PART 535—INFORMATION FORM FOR CLASS A/B AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions

All agreements between ocean common carriers that are Cass A/B agreements as defined in 46 CFR 535.502(a) must be accompanied by a completed Information Form for such agreements. A complete response must be supplied to each part of the Form. Where the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. For purposes of the requirements of this Form, if one of the agreement signatories is a joint service operating under an effective agreement, that signatory shall respond to the Form as a single agreement party. All sources must be identified.

Part I

Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement as also provided under 46 CFR 535.403.

Part II

Part II requires a list of all effective agreements (1) that cover all or part of the geographic scope of the filed agreement, (2) whose parties include one or more of the parties to the filed agreement, and (3) that fall within at least one of the following categories: an agreement that authorizes “capacity management” or “capacity regulation” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(e); a “joint service agreement” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(a); a “pooling agreement” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(x); a “rate agreement” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(aa); a “sailing agreement” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(bb); an agreement that authorizes regulation or discussion of “service contracts” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(cc); a “space charter agreement” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(gg); or an agreement that authorizes discussion or exchange of data on “vessel-operating costs” as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(jj).

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Part III(A)
Part III(A) requires a statement as to whether the agreement authorizes the parties to collectively fix rates under a common tariff, to agree upon rates on a non-binding basis, or to discuss rates. Such rate activities may be authorized by a conference agreement, an interconference agreement, an agreement among one or more conferences and one or more non-conference common carriers, an agreement between two or more conference member lines, an agreement between one or more conference member lines and one or more non-conference ocean common carriers, or an agreement among two or more non-conference ocean common carriers.

Part III(B)
Part III(B) requires a statement as to whether the agreement authorizes the parties to establish a joint service.

Part III(C)
Part III(C) requires a statement as to whether the agreement authorizes the parties to pool cargo or revenues.

Part III(D)
Part III(D) requires a statement as to whether the agreement authorizes the parties to discuss or exchange data on vessel-operating costs as defined in 46 CFR 535.104(jj).

Part III(E)
Part III(E) requires a statement as to whether the agreement authorizes the parties to regulate or discuss service contracts.

Part IV
Part IV requires the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and in each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, during the most recent calendar quarter for which complete data are available. A joint service shall be treated as a single liner operator, whether it is an agreement line or a non-agreement line. Sub-trade is defined as the scope of all liner movements between each U.S. port range within the scope of the agreement and each foreign country within the scope of the agreement. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound market shares should be shown separately.

U.S. port ranges are defined as follows:
Atlantic—Includes ports along the eastern seaboard from the northern boundary of Maine to, but not including, Key West, Florida. Also includes all ports bordering upon the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways as well as all ports in the State of New York on the St. Lawrence River.

Gulf—Includes ports along the Gulf of Mexico from Key West, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, inclusive. Also includes all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pacific—Includes ports in the States of Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon and Washington. Also includes all ports in Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marianas, Johnston Island, Midway Island and Wake Island.

An application may be filed for a waiver of the definition of “sub-trade,” under the procedure described in 46 CFR 535.505. In any such application, the burden shall be on the filing carriers to show that their marketing and pricing practices have been done by ascertainable multi-country regions rather than by individual countries or, in the case of the United States, by broader areas than the port ranges defined herein. The carriers must further show that, though operating individually, they were nevertheless applying essentially similar regional practices.

The formula for calculating market share in the entire agreement scope or in a sub-trade is as follows:

The total amount of liner cargo carried on each liner operator's liner vessels in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the most recent calendar quarter for which complete data are available, divided by the total liner movements in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the same calendar quarter, which quotient is multiplied by 100. The calendar quarter used must be clearly identified. The market shares held by non-agreement lines as well as by agreement lines must be provided, stated separately in the format indicated.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was containerized, only containerized liner movements (measured in TEUs) must be used for determining market share. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines was non-containerized, only non-containerized liner movements must be used for determining market share. The unit of measure used in calculating amounts of non-containerized cargo must be specified clearly and applied consistently.

Liner movements is the carriage of liner cargo by liner operators. Liner cargoes are cargoes carried on liner vessels in a liner service. A liner operator is a vessel-operating common carrier engaged in liner service. Liner vessels are those vessels used in liner service. Liner service refers to a definite, advertised schedule of sailings at regular intervals. All these definitions, terms and descriptions apply only for purposes of the Information Form.
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Part V

Part V requires, for each agreement member line that served all or any part of the geographic area covered by the agreement during all or any part of the most recent 12-month period for which complete data are available, a statement of each line's total liner cargo carryings within the geographic area, total liner revenues within the geographic area, and average revenue.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the geographic area covered by the agreement during the 12-month period was containerized, each agreement member line should report only its total carryings of containerized liner cargo (measured in TEUs) within the geographic area, total revenues generated by its carriage of containerized liner cargo, and average revenue per TEU. Conversely, if 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the geographic area covered by the agreement during the 12-month period was non-containerized, each line should report only its total carryings of non-containerized liner cargo (specifying the unit of measurement used), total revenues generated by its carriage of non-containerized liner cargo, and average revenue per unit of measurement.

The Information Form specifies the format in which the information is to be reported. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound data should be stated separately.

Part VI

Part VI requires a list, for each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, of the top 10 liner commodities (including commodities not subject to tariff filing) carried by all the agreement member lines during the same 12-month period used in responding to Part V, or a list of the commodities accounting for 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines during the 12-month period, whichever list is longer. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the sub-trade during the 12-month period was containerized, the list should include only containerized commodities. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the sub-trade during the 12-month period was non-containerized, this list should include only non-containerized commodities. Commodities should be identified at the 4-digit level of commercially used commodity coding schedules. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound sub-trades should be stated separately.

Part VII

Part VII requires a statement of the cargo volume and revenue results experienced by each of the parties to the proposed agreement from each major commodity in each sub-trade. The Information Form specifies the format in which the information is to be reported.

Part VIII

Part VIII is concerned with the levels of service at each port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement. Each of the agreement lines is required to provide the number of calls it made at each port over the 12-month period used in responding to Parts V, VI and VII, and also to indicate any immediate change it plans to make in the nature or type of service at a particular port after the agreement goes into effect.

Part IX(A)

Part IX(A) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding a request for additional information or documents.

Part IX(B)

Part IX(B) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding the Information Form and any information provided therein.

Part IX(C)

Part IX(C) requires that a representative of the agreement lines sign the Information Form and certify that the information in the Form and all attachments and appendices are, to the best of his or her knowledge, true, correct and complete. The representative is also required to indicate his or her relationship with the parties to the agreement.

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Agreement Number
(Assigned by FMC)

Part I Agreement Name:

Part II Other Agreements

Lists all effective agreements covering all or part of the geographic scope of this agreement, whose parties include one or more of the parties to this agreement.

Part III Agreement Type

(A) Rate Agreements

Does the agreement authorize the parties to collectively fix rates on a binding basis
under a common tariff, or to agree upon rates on a non-binding basis, or to discuss rates?
Yes □ No □

(B) Joint Service Agreements
Does the agreement authorize the parties to establish a joint service?
Yes □ No □

(C) Pooling Agreements
Does the agreement authorize the parties to pool cargoes or revenues?
Yes □ No □

(D) Vessel-Operating Costs
Does the agreement authorize the parties to discuss or exchange data on vessel-operating costs?
Yes □ No □

(E) Service Contracts
Does the agreement authorize the parties to discuss or agree on service contract terms and conditions, on either a binding or non-binding basis?
Yes □ No □

Part IV Market Share Information
Provide the market shares of all liner operators within the entire scope of the agreement and within each agreement sub-trade during the most recent calendar quarter for which complete data are available. The information should be provided in the format below:

MARKET SHARE REPORT FOR (INDICATE EITHER ENTIRE AGREEMENT SCOPE, OR SUB-TRADE NAME) TIME PERIOD

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Part VI Leading Commodities
For each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, list the top 10 commodities carried by all the parties during the same time period used in responding to Part V, or list the commodities accounting for 50 percent of the total carried by all the parties during the same 12-month period, whichever list is longer. The same 12-month period must be used in reporting for each sub-trade. The information should be provided in the format below:

Time Period (Same as That Used in Responding to Part V)

I. Sub-Trade
A. First leading commodity
B. Second leading commodity
C. Third leading commodity etc.

II. Sub-Trade
A. First leading commodity etc.

Part VII Cargo and Revenue Results by Sub-Trade
For the same time period used in responding to Parts V and VI, and for each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, and for each of the leading commodities listed for each sub-trade in the response to Part VI, and for each party, state the total TEUs (or other unit of measurement) carried and average gross revenue per TEU (or other unit of measurement).

The information should be provided in the format below:

TIME PERIOD (SAME AS THAT USED IN RESPONDING TO PART V)

I. Sub-trade A
A. First leading commodity
1. Carrier A
   (a) Total TEUs (or other unit of measurement) carried...
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(b) Average gross revenue per TEU (or other unit of measurement)
1. Carrier A
   (a) etc.
   (b) etc.
   (c) etc.
   (d) etc.
2. Carrier B
   (a) etc.
   (b) etc.
3. Second leading commodity
   (a) etc.
4. Business Telephone Number
   (a) etc.
5. Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number
   (a) etc.

II. Sub-trade B
A. First leading commodity

APPENDIX B TO PART 535—INFORMATION FORM FOR CLASS C AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

Instructions
All agreements between or among ocean common carriers that are Class C agreements as defined in 46 CFR 535.502(b) must be accompanied by a completed Information Form for such agreements. A complete response must be supplied to the Form. Where the filing party is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. For purposes of the requirements of this Form, if one of the agreement signatories is a joint service operating under an effective agreement, that signatory shall respond to the Form as a single agreement party. All sources must be identified.

Part I
Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement as also provided under 46 CFR 535.403.

Part II
Part II requires a list of all effective agreements that (1) cover all or part of the geographic scope of the filed agreement, (2) whose parties include one or more of the parties to the filed agreement, and (3) that fall

Also, for each party, indicate any planned change in the nature or type of service (such as base port designation, frequency of vessel calls, use of indirect rather than direct service, etc.) to be effected at any port within the geographic scope of the agreement after the effective date of the agreement.

Part IX
(A) Identification of Person(s) to Contact Regarding the Information Form
(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(B) Identification of an Individual Located in the United States Designated for the Limited Purpose of Receiving Notice of an Issuance of a Request for Additional Information or Documents (see 46 CFR 535.606).

(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(C) Certification
This Information Form, together with any and all appendices and attachments thereto, was prepared and assembled in accordance with instructions issued by the Federal Maritime Commission. The information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Name (please print or type)
Title
within at least one of the following categories: an agreement that authorizes "capacity management" or "capacity regulation" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(e); a "joint service agreement" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(o); a "pooling agreement" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(x); a "rate agreement" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(aa); a "sailing agreement" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(bb); an agreement that authorizes regulation or discussion of "service contracts" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(cc); a "space charter agreement" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(qq); or an agreement that authorizes discussion or exchange of data on "vessel-operating costs" as defined by 46 CFR 535.104(jj).

Part III
Part III is concerned with the level of service at each port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement. Each agreement line is required to state the number of calls it made at each port over the most recent 12-month period for which complete data are available, and also to indicate any immediate change it plans to make in the nature or type of service at a particular port after the agreement goes into effect.

Part IV(A)
Part IV(A) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding the Information Form and any information provided therein.

Part IV(B)
Part IV(B) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding a request for additional information or documents.

Part IV(C)
Part IV(C) requires that a representative of the agreement lines sign the Information Form and certify that the information in the Form and all attachments and appendices are, to the best of his or her knowledge, true, correct and complete. The representative is also required to indicate his or her relationship with the parties to the agreement.

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Agreement Number
(Assigned by FMC)
Part I Agreement Name:

Part II Other Agreements
List all effective agreements covering all or part of the geographic scope of this agreement, whose parties include one or more of the parties to this agreement.

Part III Port Service
For each port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement, state the number of port calls by each of the parties over the most recent 12-month period for which complete data are available. The information should be provided in the format below.

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Also, for each party, indicate any planned change in the nature or type of service (such as base port designation, frequency of vessel calls, use of indirect rather than direct service, etc.) to be effected at any port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement after the effective date of the agreement.

Part IV

(A) Identification of Person(s) to Contact Regarding the Information Form.
(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(B) Identification of an Individual Located in the United States Designated for the Limited Purpose of Receiving Notice of an Issuance of a Request for Additional Information or Documents (see 46 CFR 535.606).
(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(C) Certification
This Information Form, together with any and all appendices and attachments thereto, was prepared and assembled in accordance with instructions issued by the Federal Maritime Commission. The information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Name (please print or type)

Title

Relationship with parties to agreement

Signature

Date

APPENDIX C TO PART 535—MONITORING REPORT FOR CLASS A AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions

A complete response must be supplied to each part of the Report. Where the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. All sources must be identified.

Part I

Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement, and the assigned FMC number.

Part II

Part II requires a statement of any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III

Part III requires the filing party to indicate whether the agreement authorizes the parties to operate as a conference.

Part IV

Part IV requires the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and in each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter. A joint service shall be treated as a single liner operator, whether it is an agreement line or a non-agreement line.

Sub-trade is defined as the scope of all liner movements between each U.S. port range within the scope of the agreement and each foreign country within the scope of the agreement. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound line movements, inbound and outbound market shares should be shown separately.

U.S. port ranges are defined as follows:

Atlantic—Includes ports along the eastern seaboard from the north boundary of Maine to, but not including, Key West, Florida. Also includes all ports bordering upon the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways as well as all ports in the State of New York on the St. Lawrence River.

Gulf—Includes all ports along the Gulf of Mexico from Key West, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, inclusive. Also includes all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pacific—Includes all ports in the States of Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon and Washington. Also includes all ports in Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marinas, Johnston Island, Midway Island and Wake Island.

An application may be filed for a waiver of the definition of “sub-trade” under the provisions described in 46 CFR 535.709. In any such application, the burden shall be on the agreement carriers to show that their marketing and pricing practices are done by ascertainable multi-country regions rather than by individual countries or, in the case of the United States, by broader areas than the port ranges defined herein. The Commission will also consider whether the alternate definition of “sub-trade” requested by the waiver application is reasonably consistent with the definition of “sub-trade” applied in the original Information Form filing for the agreement.

The formula for calculating market share in the entire agreement scope or in a sub-trade is as follows:

The total amount of liner cargo carried on each liner operator’s liner vessels in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, divided by the total liner movements in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, which quotient is multiplied by 100. The market shares held by non-agreement lines as well as by agreement lines must be provided, stated separately in the format indicated.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was containerized, only containerized liner movements (measured in TEUs) must be used for determining market share. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines was non-containerized, only non-containerized liner movements must be used for determining market share. The unit of measure used in calculating amounts of non-containerized cargo must be specified clearly and applied consistently.

Liner movements is the carriage of liner cargo by liner operators. Liner cargoes are cargoes carried on liner vessels in a liner

APPENDIX C TO PART 535—MONITORING REPORT FOR CLASS A AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions

A complete response must be supplied to each part of the Report. Where the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. All sources must be identified.

Part I

Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement, and the assigned FMC number.

Part II

Part II requires a statement of any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III

Part III requires the filing party to indicate whether the agreement authorizes the parties to operate as a conference.

Part IV

Part IV requires the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and in each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter. A joint service shall be treated as a single liner operator, whether it is an agreement line or a non-agreement line.

Sub-trade is defined as the scope of all liner movements between each U.S. port range within the scope of the agreement and each foreign country within the scope of the agreement. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound line movements, inbound and outbound market shares should be shown separately.

U.S. port ranges are defined as follows:

Atlantic—Includes ports along the eastern seaboard from the north boundary of Maine to, but not including, Key West, Florida. Also includes all ports bordering upon the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways as well as all ports in the State of New York on the St. Lawrence River.

Gulf—Includes all ports along the Gulf of Mexico from Key West, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, inclusive. Also includes all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pacific—Includes all ports in the States of Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon and Washington. Also includes all ports in Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marinas, Johnston Island, Midway Island and Wake Island.

An application may be filed for a waiver of the definition of “sub-trade” under the provisions described in 46 CFR 535.709. In any such application, the burden shall be on the agreement carriers to show that their marketing and pricing practices are done by ascertainable multi-country regions rather than by individual countries or, in the case of the United States, by broader areas than the port ranges defined herein. The Commission will also consider whether the alternate definition of “sub-trade” requested by the waiver application is reasonably consistent with the definition of “sub-trade” applied in the original Information Form filing for the agreement.

The formula for calculating market share in the entire agreement scope or in a sub-trade is as follows:

The total amount of liner cargo carried on each liner operator’s liner vessels in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, divided by the total liner movements in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, which quotient is multiplied by 100. The market shares held by non-agreement lines as well as by agreement lines must be provided, stated separately in the format indicated.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was containerized, only containerized liner movements (measured in TEUs) must be used for determining market share. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines was non-containerized, only non-containerized liner movements must be used for determining market share. The unit of measure used in calculating amounts of non-containerized cargo must be specified clearly and applied consistently.

Liner movements is the carriage of liner cargo by liner operators. Liner cargoes are cargoes carried on liner vessels in a liner
service. A liner operator is a vessel-operating common carrier engaged in liner service. Liner vessels are those vessels used in a liner service. Liner service refers to a definite, advertised schedule of sailings at regular intervals. All these definitions, terms and descriptions apply only for purposes of the Monitoring Report.

Part V

Part V requires each agreement member line's total liner cargo carried by the agreement during the calendar quarter, each line's total liner revenues within the geographic area during the calendar quarter, and average revenue. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the geographic area covered by the agreement during the calendar quarter was containerized, each agreement member line should report only its total carryings of containerized liner cargo (measured in TEUs) during the calendar quarter within the geographic area, total revenues generated by its carriage of containerized liner cargo, and average revenue per TEU. Conversely, if 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the geographic area covered by the agreement during the calendar quarter was non-containerized, each agreement member line should report only its total carryings of non-containerized liner cargo during the calendar quarter (specifying the unit of measurement used), total revenues generated by its carriage of non-containerized liner cargo, and average revenue per unit of measurement.

The Monitoring Report specifies the format in which the information is to be reported. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound sub-trades should be stated separately.

Part VI

Part VI requires a list, for each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, of the top 10 liner commodities (including commodities not subject to tariff filing) carried by all the agreement member lines during the calendar quarter, or a list of the commodities accounting for 50 percent of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines during the calendar quarter, whichever list is longer. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was containerized, this list should include only containerized commodities. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was non-containerized, this list should include only non-containerized commodities. Commodities should be identified at the 4-digit level of customarily used commodity coding schedules. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound sub-trades should be stated separately.

Part VII

Part VII requires a statement of the cargo volume and revenue results experience by each of the agreement lines from each major commodity in each sub-trade during the calendar quarter. The Monitoring Report specifies the format in which the information is to be reported.

Part VIII

Part VIII is required to be completed if Part III is answered "YES." Each conference line is required to indicate the extent to which it has taken independent rate actions on each of the leading commodities in each of the sub-trades. Part VIII also inquires into the type of shipper for whom independent rate actions have been taken. The Monitoring Report specifies the format in which the information is to be reported.

Part IX

Part IX requires each of the agreement lines to indicate any change in the nature or type of service it provided at any port within the entire geographic range of the agreement during the calendar quarter.

Part X(A)

Part X(A) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding the Monitoring Report and any information provided therein.

Part X(B)

Part X(B) requires that a representative of the agreement lines sign the Monitoring Report and certify that the information in the Report and all attachments and appendices are, to the best of his or her knowledge, true, correct and complete. The representative is also required to indicate his or her relationship with the parties to the agreement.
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Part II Other Agreements

Indicate any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III Conference Agreements

Does the agreement authorize the parties to operate as a conference?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Part IV Market Share Information

Provide the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and within each agreement sub-trade during the calendar quarter. The information should be provided in the format below:

MARKET SHARE REPORT FOR CALENDAR QUARTER

[Indicate either entire agreement scope, or sub-trade name]

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<tr>
<th>Carrier</th>
<th>TEUs or other unit of measurement</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Line A</td>
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<td>Line B</td>
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<tr>
<td>Line C</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Agreement Market Share</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Line X</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Line Y</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Line Z</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Non-Agreement Market Share</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>XX%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Market</td>
<td>XXXX</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Part V Cargo and Revenue Results Agreement-Wide

For each agreement member line, provide total cargo carryings (measured in TEUs or other unit of measurement) during the calendar quarter within the entire geographic area covered by the agreement, total revenues within the geographic area during the calendar quarter, and average revenue per TEU or other unit of measurement. The information should be provided in the format below:

CALENDAR QUARTER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Carrier</th>
<th>Total TEUs or other unit of measurement</th>
<th>Total revenues</th>
<th>Avg. Revenue per TEU or other unit of measurement</th>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>B</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Part VI Leading Commodities

For each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, list the top 10 commodities carried by all the parties during the calendar quarter, or list the commodities accounting for 50 percent of the total carried by all the parties during the calendar quarter, whichever list is longer. The information should be provided in the format below:

CALENDAR QUARTER

I. Sub-trade

A. First leading commodity
B. Second leading commodity
C. Third leading commodity etc.

II. Sub-trade

A. First leading commodity etc.

Part VIII Cargo and Revenue Results by Sub-Trade

For each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, and for each of the leading commodities listed for each sub-trade in the response to Part VI, and for each party, state the total TEUs (or other unit of measurement) carried and average gross revenue per TEU (or other unit of measurement).

The information should be provided in the format below:

CALENDAR QUARTER

I. Sub-trade A

A. First leading commodity

1. Carrier A

(a) Total TEUs (or other units of measurement) carried

(b) Average gross revenue per TEU (or other unit of measurement)

2. Carrier B

(a) etc.

II. Sub-trade B

A. First leading commodity

1. etc.

Part VIII Independent Rate Actions (if applicable)

For each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement, and for each of the leading commodities listed for each sub-trade in the response to Part VI, and for each party, state...
(a) the total number of independent rate actions taken during the calendar quarter applicable to that commodity moving in that sub-trade; (b) how many of the total were independent rate actions taken to service specific shipper accounts; (c) of those, how many were for non-vessel-operating common carriers, and how many were for shippers' associations. The information should be provided in the format below:

CALANDAR QUARTER

I. Sub-trade A
   A. First leading commodity
      (a) Number of IA rate actions
      (i) Number of IA rate actions taken to service specific shipper accounts
      (ii) Number taken to service non-vessel-operating common carrier accounts
      (iii) Number taken to service shippers' association accounts
   2. Carrier B
      (a) etc.
   B. Second leading commodity
      1. Carrier A
      (a) etc.
   II. Sub-trade B
      A. First leading commodity
         1. etc.

Part IX Port Service

For each party, state any change in the nature or type of service (such as base port designation, frequency of vessel calls, use of indirect rather than direct service, etc.) effected at any port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter.

Part X

Identification of Person(s) to Contact Regarding the Monitoring Report.

(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

Certification

This Monitoring Report, together with any and all appendices and attachments thereto, was prepared and assembled in accordance with instructions issued by the Federal Maritime Commission. The information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Name (please print or type)

Title

Relationship with parties to agreement

Signature

APPENDIX D TO PART 535—MONITORING REPORT FOR CLASS B AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

Instructions

A complete response must be supplied to each part of the Report. Where the party answering a particular part is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either an estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. All sources must be identified.

Part I

Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement, and the assigned FMC number.

Part II

Part II requires a statement of any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III

Part III requires the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and in each sub-trade within the scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter. A joint service shall be treated as a single liner operator, whether it is an agreement line or a non-agreement line.

Sub-trade is defined as the scope of all liner movements between each U.S. port range within the scope of the agreement and each foreign country within the scope of the agreement. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound market shares should be shown separately.

U.S. port ranges are defined as follows:

Atlantic—Includes ports along the eastern seaboard from the northern boundary of Maine to, but not including, Key West, Florida. Also includes all ports bordering upon the Great Lakes and their connecting waterways as well as all ports in the State of New York on the St. Lawrence River.

Gulf—Includes all ports along the Gulf of Mexico from Key West, Florida, to Brownsville, Texas, inclusive. Also includes all ports in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pacific—Includes all ports in the State of Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon and Washington. Also includes all ports in Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marinas, Johnston Island, Midway Island and Wake Island.
Federal Maritime Commission

An application may be filed for a waiver of the definition of “sub-trade,” under the provisions described in 46 CFR 535.709. In any such application, the burden shall be on the agreement carriers to show that their marketing and pricing practices are done by ascertainable multi-country regions rather than by individuals countries or, in the case of the United States, by broader areas than the port ranges defined herein. The Commission will also consider whether the alternate definition of "sub-trade" requested by the waiver application is reasonably consistent with the definition of "sub-trade" applied in the original Information Form filing for the agreement.

The formula for calculating market share in the entire agreement scope or in a sub-trade is as follows:

The total amount of liner cargo carried on each liner operator’s liner vessels in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, divided by the total liner movement in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, divided by the total liner movement in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter, which quotient is multiplied by 100. The market shares held by non-agreement lines as by agreement lines must be provided, stated separately in the format indicated.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines in the entire agreement scope or in the sub-trade during the calendar quarter was containerized, only containerized liner movements (measured in TEUs) must be used for determining market share. If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement lines was non-containerized cargo, only non-containerized liner movements must be used for determining market share. The unit of measure used in calculating amounts of non-containerized cargo must be specified clearly and applied consistently.

Liner movements is the carriage of liner cargo by liner operators. Liner cargoes are cargoes carried on liner vessels in a liner service. A liner is a vessel-operating common carrier engaged in liner service. Liner vessels are those vessels used in a liner service. Liner service refers to a definite, advertised schedule of salings at regular intervals. All these definitions, terms and descriptions apply only for purposes of the Monitoring Report.

Part IV

Part IV requires each agreement member line’s total liner cargo carrying within the entire geographic area covered by the agreement during the calendar quarter, each line’s total liner revenues within the geographic area during the calendar quarter, and average revenue.

If 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by all the agreement member lines in the geographic area covered by the agreement during the calendar quarter was containerized, each agreement member line should report only its total carryings of containerized liner cargo (measured in TEUs) during the calendar quarter within the geographic area, total revenues generated by its carriage of containerized liner cargo, and average revenue per TEU. Conversely, if 50 percent or more of the total liner cargo carried by the agreement member lines within the geographic area covered by the agreement during the calendar quarter was non-containerized, each agreement member line should report only its total carryings of non-containerized liner cargo during the calendar quarter (specifying the unit of measurement used), total revenues generated by its carriage of non-containerized cargo, and average revenue per unit of measurement.

The Monitoring Report specifies the format in which the information is to be reported. Where the agreement covers both U.S. inbound and outbound liner movements, inbound and outbound data should be stated separately.

Part V

Part V requires each of the agreement member lines to indicate any change in the nature or type of service it provided at any port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter.

Part VI

Part VI(A)

Part VI(A) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding the Monitoring Report and any information provided therein.

Part VI(B)

Part VI(B) requires that a representative of the agreement lines sign the Monitoring Report and certify that the information in the Report and all attachments and appendices are, to the best of his or her knowledge, true, correct and complete. The representative is also required to indicate his or her relationship with the parties to the agreement.
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Part II Other Agreements

Indicate any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III Market Share Information

Provide the market shares of all liner operators within the entire geographic scope of the agreement and within each sub-trade during the calendar quarter. The information should be provided in the format below:

MARKET SHARE REPORT FOR CALENDAR QUARTER

[Indicate either entire agreement scope, or sub-trade name]

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Part IV Cargo and Revenue Results

Agreement-Wide

For each agreement member line, provide total cargo carryings (measured in TEUs or other unit of measurement) during the calendar quarter within the entire geographic area covered by the agreement, total revenues within the geographic area during the calendar quarter, and average revenue per TEU or other unit of measurement. The information should be provided in the format below:

CALENDAR QUARTER

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Part V Port Service

For each party, state any change in the nature or type of service (such as base port designation, frequency of vessel calls, use of indirect rather direct service, etc.) effected at any port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter.

Part VI

(A) IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON(S) TO CONTACT REGARDING THE MONITORING REPORT

(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Firm Name and Business
(4) Business Telephone Number
(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(B) Certification

This Monitoring Report, together with any and all appendices and attachments thereto, was prepared and assembled in accordance with instructions issued by the Federal Maritime Commission. The information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Name (please print or type)

Title

Relationship with parties to agreement

Signature

Date

[61 FR 11582, Mar. 21, 1996]

APPENDIX E TO PART 535—MONITORING REPORT FOR CLASS C AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions

A complete response must be supplied to the Report. Where the filing party is unable to supply a complete response, that party shall provide either estimated data (with an explanation of why precise data are not available) or a detailed statement of reasons for noncompliance and the efforts made to obtain the required information. All sources must be identified.

Part I

Part I requires a statement of the full name of the agreement, and the assigned FMC number.

Part II

Part II requires a statement of any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III

Part III requires a statement of any change in the nature or type of service at any of the ports within the entire geographic scope of the agreement.
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Part IV

Part IV(A)

Part IV(A) requires the name, title, address, telephone number and cable address, telex or fax number of a person the Commission may contact regarding the Monitoring Report and any information provided therein.

Part IV(B)

Part IV(B) requires that a representative of the agreement lines sign the Monitoring Report and certify that the information in the Report and all attachments and appendices are, to the best of his or her knowledge, true, correct and complete. The representative is also required to indicate his or her relationship with the parties to the agreement.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

MONITORING REPORT FOR CLASS C AGREEMENTS BETWEEN OR AMONG OCEAN COMMON CARRIERS

Agreement Number

(Assigned by FMC)

Part I Agreement

Name:

Part II Other Agreements

Indicate any change occurring during the calendar quarter to the list of other agreements set forth in Part II of the Information Form.

Part III Port Service

For each party, state any change in the nature or type of service (such as base port designation, frequency of vessel calls, use of indirect rather direct service, etc.) effected at any port within the entire geographic scope of the agreement during the calendar quarter.

Part IV

(A) IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON(S) TO CONTACT REGARDING THE MONITORING REPORT

(1) Name

(2) Title

(3) Firm Name and Business

(4) Business Telephone Number

(5) Cable Address, Telex or Fax Number

(B) Certification

This Monitoring Report, together with any and all appendices and attachments thereto, was prepared and assembled in accordance with instruments issued by the Federal Maritime Commission. The information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct, and complete.

Name (please print or type)

Title

Relationship with parties to agreement

Signature

Date

[61 FR 11584, Mar. 21, 1996]

PART 540—PASSENGER VESSEL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY


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Subpart C—General

540.91 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.
§ 540.1 Scope.

(a) The regulations contained in this subpart set forth the procedures whereby persons in the United States who arrange, offer, advertise or provide passage on a vessel having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and embarking passengers at U.S. ports shall establish their financial responsibility or, in lieu thereof, file a bond or other security for obligations under the terms of ticket contracts to indemnify passengers for nonperformance of transportation to which they would be entitled. Included also are the qualifications required by the Commission for issuance of a Certificate (Performance) and the basis for the denial, revocation, modification, or suspension of such Certificates.

(b) Failure to comply with this part may result in denial of an application for a certificate. Vessels operating without the proper certificate may be denied clearance and their owners may also be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 in addition to a civil penalty of $200 for each passage sold, such penalties to be assessed by the Federal Maritime Commission (46 U.S.C. app. 91, 817d and 817e).

§ 540.2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) Person includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and other legal entities existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or any territory or possession of the United States, or the laws of any foreign country.

(b) Vessel means any commercial vessel having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and embarking passengers at U.S. ports.

(c) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(d) United States includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or any territory or possession of the United States.

(e) Berth or stateroom accommodation or passenger accommodations includes all temporary and all permanent passenger sleeping facilities.

(f) Certificate (Performance) means a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation issued pursuant to this subpart.

(g) Passenger means any person who is to embark on a vessel at any U.S. port and who has paid any amount for a ticket contract entitling him to water transportation.

(h) Passenger revenue means those monies wherever paid by passengers who are to embark at any U.S. port for water transportation and all other accommodations, services and facilities relating thereto.

(i) Unearned passenger revenue means that passenger revenue received for water transportation and all other accommodations, services, and facilities relating thereto not yet performed.

(j) Insurer means any insurance company, underwriter, corporation, or association or underwriters, ship owners’ protection and indemnity association, or other insurer acceptable to the Commission.

(k) Evidence of insurance means a policy, certificate of insurance, cover note, or other evidence of coverage acceptable to the Commission.

(l) Whole-ship charter means an arrangement between a passenger vessel operator and a corporate or institutional entity:

(1) Which provides for the purchase of all the passenger accommodations on a vessel for a particular voyage or series of voyages; and
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(2) Whereby the involved corporate or institutional entity provides such accommodations to the ultimate passengers free of charge and such accommodations are not resold to the public.


§ 540.3 Proof of financial responsibility, when required.

No person in the United States may arrange, offer, advertise or provide passage on a vessel unless a Certificate (Performance) has been issued to or covers such person.

§ 540.4 Procedure for establishing financial responsibility.

(a) In order to comply with section 3 of Public Law 89–777 (80 Stat. 1357, 1358) enacted November 6, 1966, there must be filed an application on Form FMC–131 for a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance of Transportation. Copies of Form FMC–131 may be obtained from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

(b) An application for a Certificate (Performance) shall be filed in duplicate with the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, by the vessel owner or charterer at least 60 days in advance of the arranging, offering, advertising, or providing of any water transportation or tickets in connection therewith except that any person other than the owner or charterer who arranges, offers, advertises, or provides passage on a vessel may apply for a Certificate (Performance). Late filing of the application will be permitted only for good cause shown. All applications and evidence required to be filed with the Commission shall be in English, and any monetary terms shall be expressed in terms of U.S. currency. The Commission shall have the privilege of verifying any statements made or any evidence submitted under the rules of this subpart. An application for a Certificate (Performance), excluding an application for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant’s fleet shall be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of $2,152. An application for a Certificate (Performance) for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant’s fleet shall be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of $1,076.

(c) The application shall be signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the applicant with a copy of evidence of his or her authority. In the event of any material change in the facts as reflected in the application, an amendment to the application shall be filed no later than five (5) days following such change. For the purpose of this subpart, a material change shall be one which: (1) Results in a decrease in the amount submitted to establish financial responsibility to a level below that required to be maintained under the rules of this subpart, or (2) requires that the amount to be maintained be increased above the amount submitted to establish financial responsibility. Notice of the application for, issuance, denial, revocation, suspension, or modification of any such Certificate shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.


§ 540.5 Insurance, guaranties, escrow accounts, and self-insurance.

Except as provided in §540.9(j), the amount of coverage required under this section and §540.6(b) shall be in an amount determined by the Commission to be no less than 110 percent of the unearned passenger revenue of the applicant on the date within the 2 fiscal years immediately prior to the filing of the application which reflects the greatest amount of unearned passenger revenue, unless the applicant qualifies for consideration under §540.5(e). The Commission, for good cause shown, may consider a time period other than the previous 2-fiscal-year requirement in this section or other methods acceptable to the Commission to determine the amount of coverage required. Evidence of adequate financial responsibility for the purposes of this subpart may be established by one or a combination (including §540.6 Surety Bonds) of the following methods:

(a) Filing with the Commission evidence of insurance, issued by an insurer, providing coverage for indemnification of passengers in the event of
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the nonperformance of water transportation.

(1) Termination or cancellation of the evidence of insurance, whether by the assured or by the insurer, and whether for nonpayment of premiums, calls or assessments or for other cause, shall not be effected: (i) Until notice in writing has been given to the assured or to the insurer and to the Secretary of the Commission at its office, in Washington, DC 20573, by certified mail, and (ii) until after 30 days expire from the date notice is actually received by the Commission, or until after the Commission revokes the Certificate (Performance), whichever occurs first. Notice of termination or cancellation to the assured or insurer shall be simultaneous to such notice given to the Commission. The insurer shall remain liable for claims covered by said evidence of insurance arising by virtue of an event which had occurred prior to the effective date of said termination or cancellation. No such termination or cancellation shall become effective while a voyage is in progress.

(2) The insolvency or bankruptcy of the assured shall not constitute a defense to the insurer as to claims included in said evidence of insurance and in the event of said insolvency or bankruptcy, the insurer agrees to pay any unsatisfied final judgments obtained on such claims.

(3) No insurance shall be acceptable under these rules which restricts the liability of the insurer where privity of the owner or charterer has been shown to exist.

(4) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section shall apply to the guaranty as specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) Filing with the Commission evidence of an escrow account, acceptable to the Commission, for indemnification of passengers in the event of nonperformance of water transportation. Parties filing escrow agreements for Commission approval may execute such agreements in the form set forth in appendix A of subpart A of this part.

(c) Filing with the Commission a guaranty on Form FMC-133A, by a guarantor acceptable to the Commission, for indemnification of passengers in the event of nonperformance of water transportation. The requirements of Form FMC-133A, however, may be amended by the Commission in a particular case for good cause.

(d) Filing with the Commission for qualification as a self-insurer such evidence acceptable to the Commission as will demonstrate continued and stable passenger operations over an extended period of time in the foreign or domestic trade of the United States. Such evidence must include an affidavit by the operator's Chief Executive Officer or other responsible corporate officer of a minimum of five years of operation in United States trades, with a satisfactory explanation of any claims for nonperformance of transportation. In addition, applicant must demonstrate financial responsibility by maintenance of net worth in an amount calculated as in the introductory text of this section. The Commission will take into consideration all current contractual requirements with respect to the maintenance of such net worth to which the applicant is bound. Evidence must be submitted that the net worth required above is physically located in the United States. This evidence of financial responsibility shall be supported by and subject to the following which are to be submitted on a continuing basis for each year or portion thereof while the Certificate (Performance) is in effect:

(1) A current quarterly balance sheet, except that the Commission, for good cause shown, may require only an annual balance sheet;

(2) A current quarterly statement of income and surplus, except that the Commission, for good cause shown, may require only an annual statement of income and surplus;

(3) An annual current balance sheet and an annual current statement of income and surplus to be certified by appropriate certified public accountants;

(4) Semiannual current statement of the book value or current market value of any assets physically located within the United States together with a certification as to the existence and amount of any encumbrances thereon;

(5) Semiannual current credit rating report by Dun and Bradstreet or any
similar concern found acceptable to the Commission;

(6) A list filed semiannually of all contractual requirements or other encumbrances (and to whom the applicant is bound in this regard) relating to the maintenance of net worth;

(7) All financial statements required to be submitted under this section shall be due within a reasonable time after the close of each pertinent accounting period;

(8) Such additional evidence of financial responsibility as the Commission may deem necessary in appropriate cases.

(e) The following schedule may be applied to determine the minimum coverage required for indemnification of passengers in the event of nonperformance of water transportation for those operators who have not elected to qualify by self-insurance; and can provide evidence (in the form of an affidavit by the operator’s Chief Executive Officer or other responsible corporate officer) of a minimum of five years of operation in United States trades, with a satisfactory explanation of any claims for nonperformance of transportation:

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(f) Revenues derived from whole-ship charters, as defined in §540.21, may be exempted from consideration as unearned passenger revenues, on condition that, in the case of a new operator or within 30 days of the execution of the whole-ship charter if the operator has a Performance Certificate for the vessel in question: (1) A certified true copy of the contract or charter is furnished with the application; (2) The chartering party attests that it will redistribute the vessel’s passenger accommodations without charge; and (3) A document executed by the chartering party’s Chief Executive Officer or other responsible corporate officer is submitted by which the chartering party specifically acknowledges that its rights to indemnification under section 3 of Public Law 89–777 may be affected by the reduction in section 3, Public Law 89–777, financial responsibility coverage attributable to the exclusion of such funds from the operator’s UPR.

§540.6 Surety bonds.

(a) Where financial responsibility is not established under §540.5, a surety bond shall be filed on Form FMC–132A. Such surety bond shall be issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the United States and acceptable to the Commission for indemnification of passengers in the event of nonperformance of water transportation. The requirements of Form FMC–132A, however, may be amended by the Commission in a particular case for good cause.

(b) In the case of a surety bond which is to cover all passenger operations of the applicant subject to these rules, such bond shall be in an amount calculated as in the introductory text of §540.5.

(c) In the case of a surety bond which is to cover an individual voyage, such bond shall be in an amount determined by the Commission to equal the gross passenger revenue for that voyage.

(d) The liability of the surety under the rules of this subpart to any passenger shall not exceed the amount paid by any such passenger, except that, no such bond shall be terminated while a voyage is in progress.

§ 540.7 Evidence of financial responsibility.

Where satisfactory proof of financial responsibility has been given or a satisfactory bond has been provided, a Certificate (Performance) covering specified vessels shall be issued evidencing the Commission's finding of adequate financial responsibility to indemnify passengers for nonperformance of water transportation. The period covered by the Certificate (Performance) shall be indeterminate, unless a termination date has been specified thereon.

§ 540.8 Denial, revocation, suspension, or modification.

(a) Prior to the denial, revocation, suspension, or modification of a Certificate (Performance), the Commission shall advise the applicant of its intention to deny, revoke, suspend, or modify and shall state the reasons therefor. If the applicant, within 20 days after the receipt of such advice, requests a hearing to show that the evidence of financial responsibility filed with the Commission does meet the rules of this subpart, such hearing shall be granted by the Commission, except that a Certificate (Performance) shall become null and void upon cancellation or termination of the surety bond, evidence of insurance, guaranty, or escrow account.

(b) A Certificate (Performance) may be denied, revoked, suspended, or modified for any of the following reasons:

1. Making any willfully false statement to the Commission in connection with an application for a Certificate (Performance);
2. Circumstances whereby the party does not qualify as financially responsible in accordance with the requirements of the Commission;
3. Failure to comply with or respond to lawful inquiries, rules, regulations or orders of the Commission pursuant to the rules of this subpart.

(c) If the applicant, within 20 days after notice of the proposed denial, revocation, suspension, or modification under paragraph (b) of this section, requests a hearing to show that such denial, revocation, suspension, or modification should not take place, such hearing shall be granted by the Commission.

§ 540.9 Miscellaneous.

(a) If any evidence filed with the application does not comply with the requirements of this subpart, or for any reason fails to provide adequate or satisfactory protection to the public, the Commission will notify the applicant stating the deficiencies thereof.

(b) Any financial evidence submitted to the Commission under the rules of this subpart shall be written in the full and correct name of the person to whom the Certificate (Performance) is to be issued, and in case of a partnership, all partners shall be named.

(c) The Commission's bond (Form FMC-132A), guaranty (Form FMC-133A), and application (Form FMC-131) forms are hereby incorporated as a part of the rules of this subpart. Any such forms filed with the Commission under this subpart must be in duplicate.

(d) Any securities or assets accepted by the Commission (from applicants, insurers, guarantors, escrow agents, or others) under the rules of this subpart must be physically located in the United States.

(e) Each applicant, insurer, escrow agent and guarantor shall furnish a written designation of a person in the United States as legal agent for service of process for the purposes of the rules of this subpart. Such designation must be acknowledged, in writing, by the designee. In any instance in which the designated agent cannot be served because of its death, disability, or unavailability, the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, will be deemed to be the agent for service of process. A party serving the Secretary in accordance with the above provision must also serve the Certificant, insurer, escrow agent, or guarantor, as the case may be, by registered mail at its last known address on file with the Commission.

(f) [Reserved]

(g) Financial data filed in connection with the rules of this subpart shall be confidential except in instances where information becomes relevant in connection with hearings which may be requested by applicant pursuant to § 540.8 (a) or (b).

(h) Every person who has been issued a Certificate (Performance) must submit to the Commission a semiannual...
statement of any changes that have taken place with respect to the information contained in the application or documents submitted in support thereof. Negative statements are required to indicate no change. Such statements must cover every 6-month period of the fiscal year immediately subsequent to the date of the issuance of the Certificate (Performance), and include a statement of the highest unearned passenger vessel revenue accrued for each month in the 6-month reporting period. In addition, the statements will be due within 30 days after the close of every such 6-month period.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) The amount of: (1) Insurance as specified in §540.5(a), (2) the escrow account as specified in §540.5(b), (3) the guaranty as specified in §540.5(c), or (4) the surety bond as specified in §540.6, shall not be required to exceed 15 million dollars (U.S.).

(k) Every person in whose name a Certificate (Performance) has been issued shall be deemed to be responsible for any unearned passage money or deposits in the hands of its agents or of any other person or organization authorized by the certificant to sell the certificant's tickets. Certificants shall promptly notify the Commission of any arrangements, including charters and subcharters, made by it or its agent with any person pursuant to which the certificant does not assume responsibility for all passenger fares and deposits collected by such person or organization and held by such person or organization as deposits or payment for services to be performed by the certificant. If responsibility is not assumed by the certificant, the certificant also must inform such person or organization of the certification requirements of Public Law 89-777 and not permit use of its name or tickets in any manner unless and until such person or organization has obtained the requisite Certificate (Performance) from the Commission.

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(b) If a corporation, association, joint stock company, business trust, or other organization, give:
   Name of State or country in which incorporated or organized.
   Date of the incorporation or organization.
   (c) If a partnership, give name and address of each partner:
   3. Give following information regarding any person or company controlling, controlled by, or under common control with you (answer only if applying as a self-insurer under part II or part III):

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4. In relation to the passenger transportation engaged in by you to or from U.S. ports:
   Do you own all the vessels? [ ] Yes [ ] No (If "No", indicate the nature of the arrangements under which those not owned by you are available to you (e.g., bareboat, time, voyage, or other charter, or arrangement).)

5. Name of each passenger vessel having accommodations for 50 or more passengers and embarking passengers at U.S. ports:

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<th>Country of registry</th>
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6. Submit a copy of passenger ticket or other contract evidencing the sale of passenger transportation.

7. Name and address of applicant’s U.S. agent or other person authorized to accept legal service in the United States.

PART II—PERFORMANCE

Answer items 8-15 if applying for Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Indemnification of Passengers for Nonperformance. If you are filing evidence of insurance, escrow account, guaranty or surety bond under subpart A of 46 CFR part 540 and providing at least fifteen (15) million dollars (U.S.) of coverage, you need not answer questions 10-15.

8. If you are providing at least fifteen (15) million dollars (U.S.) of coverage, state type of evidence and name and address of applicant’s insurer, escrow agent, guarantor or surety (as appropriate).

9.* A Certificate (Performance) is desired for the following proposed passenger voyage or voyages: (Give itinerary and indicate whether the Certificate is for a single voyage, multiple voyages or all voyages scheduled annually.)

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10. Items 11-15 are optional methods; answer only the one item which is applicable to this application. Check the appropriate box below:

   [ ] Insurance (item 11).
   [ ] Escrow (item 12).
   [ ] Surety bond (item 13).
   [ ] Guaranty (item 14).
   [ ] Self-insurer (item 15).

11. (a) Total amount of performance insurance which is to be computed in accordance with 46 CFR 540.5. (Evidence of insurance must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Performance) may be issued.)

   (b) Method by which insurance amount is determined (attach data substantiating that amount is not less than that prescribed in 46 CFR 540.5).

   (c) Name and address of applicant’s insurer for performance policy.

12. (a) Name and address of applicant’s escrow agent. (Applicant may pledge cash or U.S. Government securities, in lieu of a surety bond, to fulfill the indemnification provisions of Pub. L. 89-777.)

   (b) Total escrow deposit which is to be computed in accordance with 46 CFR 540.5. (Escrow agreement must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Performance) will be issued.) Cash $---, U.S. Government Securities $---.

   (c) Method by which escrow amount is determined (attach data substantiating that amount is not less than that prescribed by 46 CFR 540.5).

13. (a) Total amount of surety bond in accordance with 46 CFR 540.6. (The bond must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Performance) may be issued.)

   (b) Method by which bond amount is determined (attach data substantiating that amount is not less than that prescribed in 46 CFR 540.5).

   (c) Name and address of applicant’s surety on performance bond.

14. (a) Total amount of guaranty which is to be computed in accordance with 46 CFR 540.5. (Guaranty must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Performance) may be issued.)

   (b) Method by which guaranty amount is determined (attach data substantiating that amount is not less than that prescribed in 46 CFR 540.5).

   (c) Name and address of applicant’s guarantor.
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15. If applicant intends to qualify as a self-insurer for a Certificate (Performance) under 46 CFR 540.5, attach all data, statements, and documentation required therein.

PART III—CASUALTY

Answer Items 16-22 if Applying for Certificate of Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons

16. (a) Name of passenger vessel subject to section 2 of Public Law 89-777 operated by you to or from U.S. ports which has largest number of berth or stateroom accommodations.
(b) State the maximum number of berth or stateroom accommodations.
17. Amount of death or injury liability coverage based on number of accommodations aboard vessel named in item 16 above, calculated in accordance with 46 CFR 540.24.

Items 18-22 Are Optional Methods: Answer Only the One Item Which is Applicable to This Application

18. (a) Total amount of applicant’s insurance. (Evidence of the insurance must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Casualty) will be issued.)
(b) Name and address of applicant’s insurer.
19. (a) Total amount of surety bond. (Bond must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Casualty) will be issued.)
(b) Name and address of applicant’s surety for death or injury bond.
20. (a) Total amount of escrow deposit. (Escrow agreement must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Casualty) will be issued.)
(b) Name and address of applicant’s escrow agent.
21. (a) Total amount of guaranty. (Guaranty must be filed with the Federal Maritime Commission before a Certificate (Casualty) will be issued.)
(b) Name and address of applicant’s guarantor.
22. If applicant intends to qualify as a self-insurer for a Certificate (Casualty) under 46 CFR 540.24(c), attach all data, statements and documentation required therein.

PART IV—DECLARATION

This application is submitted by or on behalf of
(a) Name.
(b) Name and title of official.
(c) Home office—Street and number.
(d) City.
(e) State or country.
(f) ZIP Code.
sufficient for that purpose, the Applicant’s application, supported by this Guaranty, and provided that FMC shall issue to the Applicant a Certificate (Performance) (“Certificate”), the undersigned Guarantor hereby guarantees to discharge the Applicant’s legal liability to indemnify the passengers of the Vessels for nonperformance of transportation within the meaning of section 3 of the Act, in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the Applicant within 21 days after any such passenger has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the Applicant from a United States Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction, or has become entitled to payment of a specified sum by virtue of a compromise settlement agreement made with the Applicant, with the approval of the Guarantor, whereby, upon payment of the agreed sum, the Applicant is to be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally discharged from all further liability to such passenger for such nonperformance.

2. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty in respect to any passenger shall not exceed the amount paid by such passenger; and the aggregate amount of the Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall not exceed $——.

3. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall attach only in respect of events giving rise to a cause of action against the Applicant, in respect of any of the Vessels, for nonperformance of transportation within the meaning of Section 3 of the Act, occurring after the Certificate has been delivered.
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granted to the Applicant, and before the expiration date of this Guaranty, which shall be the earlier of the following dates:

(a) The date whereon the Certificate is withdrawn, or for any reason becomes invalid or ineffective; or

(b) The date 30 days after the date of receipt by FMC of notice in writing (including telex or cable) that the Guarantor has elected to terminate this Guaranty except that:

(i) If, on the date which would otherwise have been the expiration date under the foregoing provisions (a) or (b) of this Clause 3, any of the Vessels is on a voyage whereon passengers have been embarked at a United States port, then the expiration date of this Guaranty shall, in respect of such Vessel, be postponed to the date on which the last passenger on such voyage shall have finally disembarked; and

(ii) Such termination shall not affect the liability of the Guarantor for refunds arising from ticket contracts made by the Applicant for the supplying of transportation and other services prior to the date such termination becomes effective.

4. If, during the currency of this Guaranty, the Applicant requests that a vessel owned or operated by the Applicant, and not specified in the annexed Schedule, should become subject to this Guaranty, and if the Guarantor accedes to such request and so notifies FMC in writing (including telex or cable), then, provided that within 30 days of receipt of such notice, FMC shall have granted a Certificate, such vessel shall thereupon be deemed to be one of the Vessels included in the said Schedule and subject to this Guaranty.


(Place and Date of Execution)

(Type Name of Guarantor)

(Type Address of Guarantor)

By

(Signature and Title)

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Schedule of Vessels Referred to in Clause 1

Vessels Added to This Schedule in Accordance With Clause 4

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART A—EXAMPLE OF ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR USE UNDER 46 CFR 540.5(b)

Escrow Agreement

1. Legal name(s), state(s) of incorporation, description of business(es), trade name(s) if any, and domicile(s) of each party.

2. Whereas, [name of the passenger vessel operator] ("Operator") and/or [name of the issuer of the passenger ticket] ("Ticket Issuer") wishes to establish an escrow account to provide for the indemnification of certain of its passengers utilizing [name vessel(s)] in the event of nonperformance of transportation to which such passengers would be entitled, and to establish the Operator’s and/or Ticket Issuer’s financial responsibility therefor; and

3. Whereas, [name of escrow agent] ("the Escrow Agent") wishes to act as the escrow agent of the escrow account established hereunder.

4. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer will determine, as of the day prior to the opening date, the total amounts of U.S. unearned passenger revenues ("UPR") which it had in its possession. Unearned passenger revenues are defined as [incorporate the elements of 46 CFR 540.2(i)].

5. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer shall on the opening date deposit an amount equal to UPR as determined above, plus a cash amount equal to (amount equal to no less than 10% of the Operator’s and/or Ticket Issuer’s UPR on the date within the 2 fiscal years immediately prior to the filing of the escrow agreement which reflects the greatest amount of UPR, except that the Commission, for good cause shown, may consider a time period other than the previous 2-fiscal-year requirement or other methods acceptable to the Commission to determine the amount of coverage required] ("initial deposit").

6. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer may at any time deposit additional funds into the account.

7. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer shall, at the end of each business week, recompute UPR by first computing:

A. the amount by which UPR has decreased due to: (1) Refunds due to cancellations; (2) amount of cancellation fees assessed in connection with (1) above; and (3) the amount earned from completed cruises; and

B. the amount by which UPR has increased due to receipts from passengers for future water transportation and all other related

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accommodations and services not yet performed.

The difference between the above amounts is the amount by which UPR has increased or decreased ("new UPR"). If the new UPR plus the amount of the initial deposit exceeds the amount in the escrow account, the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer shall deposit the funds necessary to make the account balance equal to UPR plus the initial deposit. If the account balance exceeds new UPR plus the initial deposit, the balance shall be available to the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer. The information computed in paragraph 7 shall be furnished to the Commission and the Escrow Agent in the form of a recomputation certificate signed and certified by a competent officer of the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer. Copies sent to the Commission are to be addressed to the Director, Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

A monthly report shall be prepared by the Escrow Agent and provided to the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer and the Commission within 15 days of the end of each month and shall list the investment assets of the account, their original cost, their current market value, and the beginning and ending balance of the account.

The Operator's and/or Ticket Issuer's independent auditors shall prepare quarterly reports, such reports to be furnished to the Escrow Agent and the Commission, and any shortfall is to be covered within one business day.

The Escrow Agent shall invest the funds of the account in qualified investments as directed by the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer. Some examples of qualified investments are:

(a) Government obligations of the United States or its agencies;
(b) Certificates of deposit, time deposits or acceptances of any bank, savings institution or trust company whose debt obligations are in the two highest categories rated by Standard and Poor's or Moody's, or which is itself rated in the two highest categories by Keefe, Bryette and Woods;
(c) Commercial paper similarly rated;
(d) Certificates or time deposits issued by any bank, savings institution or trust company when fully insured by the FDIC or the FSLIC;
(e) Money market funds utilizing securities of the same quality as above; and/or
(f) Corporate bonds of the three highest categories, as rated by Standard and Poor's or Moody's.

Income derived from the investments shall be credited to the escrow account.

The purpose of the escrow agreement is to establish the financial responsibility of the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 89-777, approved November 5, 1966, and the account is to be utilized to discharge the Operator's and/or Ticket Issuer's legal liability to indemnify passengers for nonperformance of transportation via the (name of vessel(s)). The Escrow Agent is to make such payments on instructions from the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer, or, in the absence of such instructions, 21 says after final judgment against the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer in a U.S. Federal or State court having jurisdiction. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer will pledge to each passenger holding a ticket for future passage on the Operator's/Ticket Issuer's vessel(s) an interest in the Escrow Account equal to the Fares amount shown on the face of such ticket. The Escrow Agent agrees to act as nominee for each passenger until transportation is performed or until passenger has been compensated.

Escrow Agent shall waive right to offset.

The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer will indemnify and hold Escrow Agent harmless.

Statement of the parties' agreement concerning warranty of bonafides by the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer and Escrow Agent.

Statement of the parties' agreement concerning fees to be paid by the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer to Escrow Agent, reimbursable expenses to be paid by the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer to Escrow Agent. A statement that fees for subsequent terms of agreement are to be negotiated.

Statement of the parties' agreement concerning the term of agreement and renewal/termination procedures.

Statement of the parties' agreement concerning procedures for appointment of successor Escrow Agent.

Statement that disposition of funds on termination shall be to the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer, if evidence of the Commission's acceptance of alternative evidence of financial responsibility is furnished; otherwise, all passage fares held for uncompleted voyages are to be returned to the passengers. The Operator and/or Ticket Issuer shall pay all fees previously earned to the Escrow Agent.

The agreement may be enforced by the passengers, the Escrow Agent, the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer or by the Federal Maritime Commission.

All assets maintained under the escrow agreement shall be physically located in the United States and may not be transferred, sold, assigned, encumbered, etc., except as provided in the agreement.

The Commission has the right to examine the books and records of the Operator and/or Ticket Issuer and the Escrow Agent, as related to the escrow account, and the agreement may not be modified unless agreed in writing by the Operator and/or
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Ticket Issuer and Escrow Agent and approved in writing by the Commission.

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Subpart B—Proof of Financial Responsibility, Bonding and Certification of Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons on Voyages

§ 540.20 Scope.

The regulations contained in this subpart set forth the procedures whereby owners or charterers of vessels having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and embarking passengers at U.S. ports shall establish their financial responsibility to meet any liability which may be incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages to or from U.S. ports. Included also are the qualifications required by the Commission for issuance of a Certificate (Casualty) and the basis for the denial, revocation, suspension, or modification of such Certificates.

§ 540.21 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) Person includes individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and other legal entities existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or any territory or possession of the United States, or the laws of any foreign country.

(b) Vessel means any commercial vessel having berth or stateroom accommodations for 50 or more passengers and embarking passengers at U.S. ports.

(c) Commission means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(d) United States includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or any territory or possession of the United States.

(e) Berth or stateroom accommodations or passenger accommodations includes all temporary and all permanent passenger sleeping facilities.

(f) Certificate (Casualty) means a Certificate of Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons on Voyages issued pursuant to this subpart.

(g) Voyage means voyage of a vessel to or from U.S. ports.

(h) Insurer means any insurance company, underwriter, corporation or association of underwriters, ship owners' protection and indemnity association, or other insurer acceptable to the Commission.

(i) Evidence of insurance means a policy, certificate of insurance, cover note, or other evidence of coverage acceptable to the Commission.

(j) For the purpose of determining compliance with § 540.22, passengers embarking at United States ports means any persons, not necessary to the business, operation, or navigation of a vessel, whether holding a ticket or not, who board a vessel at a port or place in the United States and are carried by the vessel on a voyage from that port or place.

§ 540.22 Proof of financial responsibility, when required.

No vessel shall embark passengers at U.S. ports unless a Certificate (Casualty) has been issued to or covers the owner or charterer of such vessel.

§ 540.23 Procedure for establishing financial responsibility.

(a) In order to comply with section 2 of Pub. L. 89-777 (80 Stat. 1357, 1358) enacted November 6, 1966, there must be filed an Application on Form FMC-131 for a Certificate of Financial Responsibility to Meet Liability Incurred for Death or Injury to Passengers or Other Persons on Voyages. Copies of Form FMC-131 may be obtained from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

(b) An application for a Certificate (Casualty) shall be filed in duplicate with the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, by the vessel owner or charterer at least 60 days in advance of the sailing. Late filing of the application will be permitted only for good
cause shown. All applications and evidence required to be filed with the Commission shall be in English, and any monetary terms shall be expressed in terms of U.S. currency. The Commission shall have the privilege of verifying any statements made or any evidence submitted under the rules of this subpart. An application for a Certificate (Casualty), excluding an application for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet, shall be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of $938. An application for a Certificate (Casualty) for the addition or substitution of a vessel to the applicant's fleet shall be accompanied by a filing fee remittance of $469.

(c) The application shall be signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the applicant with a copy of evidence of his authority. In the event of any material change in the facts as reflected in the application, an amendment to the application shall be filed no later than five (5) days following such change. For the purpose of this subpart, a material change shall be one which: (1) Results in a decrease in the amount submitted to establish financial responsibility to a level below that required to be maintained under the rules of this subpart, or (2) requires that the amount to be maintained be increased above the amount submitted to establish financial responsibility. Notice of the application for, issuance, denial, revocation, suspension, or modification of any such Certificate shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 540.24 Insurance, surety bonds, self-insurance, guaranties, and escrow accounts.

Evidence of adequate financial responsibility for the purposes of this subpart may be established by one of the following methods:

(a) Filing with the Commission evidence of insurance issued by an insurer providing coverage for liability which may be incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages in an amount based upon the number of passenger accommodations aboard the vessel, calculated as follows:

- Twenty thousand dollars for each passenger accommodation up to and including 500; plus
- Fifteen thousand dollars for each additional passenger accommodation between 501 and 1,000; plus
- Ten thousand dollars for each additional passenger accommodation between 1,001 and 1,500; plus
- Five thousand dollars for each passenger accommodation in excess of 1,500;

Except that, if the applicant is operating more than one vessel subject to this subpart, the amount prescribed by this paragraph shall be based upon the number of passenger accommodations on the vessel being so operated which has the largest number of passenger accommodations.

(1) Termination or cancellation of the evidence of insurance, whether by the assured or by the insurer, and whether for nonpayment of premiums, calls or assessments, or for other cause, shall not be effected: (i) Until notice in writing has been given to the assured or to the insurer and to the Secretary of the Commission at its office in Washington, DC 20573, by certified mail, and (ii) until after 30 days expire from the date notice is actually received by the Commissioner, or until after the Commission revokes the Certificate (Casualty), whichever occurs first. Notice of termination or cancellation to the assured or insurer shall be simultaneous to such notice given to the Commission. The insurer shall remain liable for claims covered by said evidence of insurance arising by virtue of an event which had occurred prior to the effective date of said termination or cancellation. No such termination or cancellation shall become effective while a voyage is in progress.

(2) The insolvency or bankruptcy of the assured shall not constitute a defense to the insurer as to claims included in said evidence of insurance and in the event of said insolvency or bankruptcy, the insurer agrees to pay any unsatisfied final judgments obtained on such claims.

(3) No insurance shall be acceptable under these rules which restricts the liability of the insurer where privity of
the owner or charterer has been shown to exist.

(4) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section shall apply to the guaranty as specified in paragraph (d) of this section.

(b) Filing with the Commission a surety bond on Form FMC-132B issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in the United States and acceptable to the Commission. Such surety bond shall evidence coverage for liability which may be incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages in an amount calculated as in paragraph (a) of this section, and shall not be terminated while a voyage is in progress. The requirements of Form FMC-132B, however, may be amended by the Commission in a particular case for good cause.

(c) Filing with the Commission for qualification as a self-insurer such evidence acceptable to the Commission as will demonstrate continued and stable passenger operations over an extended period of time in the foreign or domestic trade of the United States. In addition, applicant must demonstrate financial responsibility by maintenance of working capital and net worth, each in an amount calculated as in paragraph (a) of this section. The Commission will take into consideration all current contractual requirements with respect to the maintenance of working capital and/or net worth to which the applicant is bound. Evidence must be submitted that the working capital and net worth required above are physically located in the United States. This evidence of financial responsibility shall be supported by and subject to the following which are to be submitted on a continuing basis for each year or portion thereof while the Certificate (Casualty) is in effect:

(1) A current quarterly balance sheet, except that the Commission, for good cause shown, may require only an annual balance sheet;

(2) A current quarterly statement of income and surplus except that the Commission, for good cause shown, may require only an annual statement of income and surplus;

(3) An annual current balance sheet and an annual current statement of income and surplus to be certified by appropriate certified public accountants;

(4) An annual current statement of the book value or current market value of any assets physically located within the United States together with a certification as to the existence and amount of any encumbrances thereon;

(5) An annual current credit rating report by Dun and Bradstreet or any similar concern found acceptable to the Commission;

(6) A list of all contractual requirements or other encumbrances (and to whom the applicant is bound in this regard) relating to the maintenance of working capital and net worth;

(7) All financial statements required to be submitted under this section shall be due within a reasonable time after the close of each pertinent accounting period;

(8) Such additional evidence of financial responsibility as the Commission may deem necessary in appropriate cases.

(d) Filing with the Commission a guaranty on Form FMC-133B by a guarantor acceptable to the Commission. Any such guaranty shall be in an amount calculated as in paragraph (a) of this section. The requirements of Form FMC-133B, however, may be amended by the Commission in a particular case for good cause.

(e) Filing with the Commission evidence of an escrow account, acceptable to the Commission, the amount of such account to be calculated as in paragraph (a) of this section.

(f) The Commission will, for good cause shown, consider any combination of the alternatives described in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section for the purpose of establishing financial responsibility.


§ 540.25 Evidence of financial responsibility.

Where satisfactory proof of financial responsibility has been established, a Certificate (Casualty) covering specified vessels shall be issued evidencing the Commission’s finding of adequate financial responsibility to meet any liability which may be incurred for death or injury to passengers or other
§ 540.26 Denial, revocation, suspension, or modification.

(a) Prior to the denial, revocation, suspension, or modification of a Certificate (Casualty), the Commission shall advise the applicant of its intention to deny, revoke, suspend, or modify, and shall state the reasons therefor. If the applicant, within 20 days after the receipt of such advice, requests a hearing to show that the evidence of financial responsibility filed with the Commission does meet the rules of this subpart, such hearing shall be granted by the Commission, except that a Certificate (Casualty) shall become null and void upon cancellation or termination of evidence of insurance, surety bond, guaranty, or escrow account.

(b) A Certificate (Casualty) may be denied, revoked, suspended, or modified for any of the following reasons:

(1) Making any willfully false statement to the Commission in connection with an application for a Certificate (Casualty);

(2) Circumstances whereby the party does not qualify as financially responsible in accordance with the requirements of the Commission;

(3) Failure to comply with or respond to lawful inquiries, rules, regulations, or orders of the Commission pursuant to the rules of this subpart.

(c) If the applicant, within 20 days after notice of the proposed denial, revocation, suspension, or modification under paragraph (b) of this section, requests a hearing to show that such denial, revocation, suspension, or modification should not take place, such hearing shall be granted by the Commission.

§ 540.27 Miscellaneous.

(a) If any evidence filed with the application does not comply with the requirements of this subpart, or for any reason, fails to provide adequate or satisfactory protection to the public, the Commission will notify the applicant stating the deficiencies thereof.

(b) Any financial evidence submitted to the Commission under the rules of this subpart shall be written in the full and correct name of the person to whom the Certificate (Casualty) is to be issued, and in case of a partnership, all partners shall be named.

(c) The Commission’s bond (Form FMC-132B), guaranty (Form FMC-133B), and application (Form FMC-131 as set forth in subpart A of this part) forms are hereby incorporated as a part of the rules of this subpart. Any such forms filed with the Commission under this subpart must be in duplicate.

(d) Any securities or assets accepted by the Commission (from applicants, insurers, guarantors, escrow agents, or others) under the rules of this subpart must be physically located in the United States.

(e) Each applicant, insurer, escrow agent, and guarantor shall furnish a written designation of a person in the United States as legal agent for service of process for the purposes of the rules of this subpart. The designated agent cannot be served because of death, disability, or unavailability, the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, will be deemed to be the agent for service of process. A party serving the Secretary in accordance with the above provision must also serve the certificant, insurer, escrow agent, or guarantor, as the case may be, by registered mail, at its last known address on file with the Commission.

(f) In the case of any charter arrangements involving a vessel subject to the regulations of this subpart, the vessel owner (in the event of a subcharter, the charterer shall file) must within 10 days file with the Secretary of the Commission evidence of any such arrangement.

(g) Financial data filed in connection with the rules of this subpart shall be confidential except in instances where information becomes relevant in connection with hearings which may be requested by applicant pursuant to §540.26(a) or §540.26(b).

(h) Every person who has been issued a Certificate (Casualty) must submit to
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the Commission a semiannual statement of any changes that have taken place with respect to the information contained in the application or documents submitted in support thereof. Negative statements are required to indicate no change. Such statements must cover each such 6-month period commencing with the first 6-month period of the fiscal year immediately subsequent to the date of the issuance of the Certificate (Casualty). In addition, the statements will be due within 30 days after the close of every 6-month period.

FORM FMC-132B

(5-67)

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Surety Co. Bond No. ————
FMC Certificate No. ————

PASSENGER VESSEL SURETY BOND (46 CFR PART 540)

Know all men by these presents, that We ———— (Name of applicant), of ———— (City), ———— (State and country), as Principal (hereinafter called Principal), and ———— (Name of surety), a company created and existing under the laws of ———— (State and country) and authorized to do business in the United States, as Surety (hereinafter called Surety) are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the penal sum of ————, for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, the Principal intends to become a holder of a Certificate (Casualty) pursuant to the provisions of subpart B of part 540 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, and has elected to file with the Federal Maritime Commission such a bond to insure financial responsibility to meet any liability incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages to or from U.S. ports, while this bond is in effect pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of subpart B of part 540 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

The Surety agrees to furnish written notice to the Federal Maritime Commission forthwith of all suits filed, judgments rendered, and payments made by said Surety under this bond.

This bond is effective the ———— day of ————, 19——, 12:01 a.m., standard time, at the address of the Principal as stated herein and shall continue in force until terminated as hereinafter provided. The Principal or the Surety may at any time terminate this bond by written notice sent by certified mail to the other and to the Federal Maritime Commission at its Office in Washington, D.C., such termination to become effective thirty (30) days after actual receipt of said notice by the Commission, except that no such termination shall become effective while a voyage is in progress. The Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any liability incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages to or from U.S. ports after the termination of this bond as herein provided, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Surety hereunder for such liability incurred for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages to or from U.S. ports prior to the date such termination becomes effective.

In witness whereof, the said Principal and Surety have executed this instrument on the ———— day of ————, 19——.

PRINCIPAL

Name

By

(Signature and title)

Witness

SURETY

Name

By [SEAL]

(Signature and title)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Certificate No.

GUARANTY IN RESPECT OF LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR INJURY, SECTION 2 OF THE ACT

1. Whereas ———— (Name of Applicant) (Hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant”) is the Owner or Charterer of the passenger Vessel(s) specified in the annexed Schedule (“the Vessels”), which are or may become engaged in voyages to or from U.S. ports, and the Applicant desires to establish its financial responsibility in accordance with section 2 of Public Law 89-777, 86th Congress, approved November 6, 1966 (“the Act”) then, provided that the Federal Maritime Commission (“FMC”) shall have accepted, as sufficient for that purpose, the Applicant’s application, supported by this Guaranty, and provided that FMC shall issue to the Applicant a Certificate (Casualty) (“Certificate”), the undersigned Guarantor hereby guarantees to discharge the applicant’s legal liability in respect of claims for damages for death or injury to passengers or other persons on voyages of the Vessels to or from U.S. ports, in the event that such legal liability has not been discharged by the Applicant within 21 days after any such passenger or other person, or in the event of death, his or her personal representative, has obtained a final judgment (after appeal, if any) against the Applicant from a U.S. Federal or State Court of competent jurisdiction, or has become entitled to payment of a specified sum by virtue of a compromise settlement agreement made with the Applicant, with the approval of the Guarantor, whereby, upon payment of the agreed sum, the Applicant is to be fully, irrevocably and unconditionally discharged from all further liability to such passenger or other person, or to such personal representative, with respect to such claim.

2. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall in no event exceed the amount of the Applicant’s legal liability under any such judgment or settlement agreement, except that, if the aggregate amount of such judgments and settlements exceeds an amount computed in accordance with the formula contained in section 2(a) of the Act, then the Guarantor’s total liability under this Guaranty shall be limited to an amount computed in accordance with such formula.

3. The Guarantor’s liability under this Guaranty shall attach only in respect of events giving rise to causes of action against the Applicant in respect of any of the Vessels for damages for death or injury within the meaning of section 2 of the Act, occurring after the Certificate has been granted to the Applicant and before the expiration date of this Guaranty, which shall be the earlier of the following dates:
   (a) The date whereon the Certificate is withdrawn, or for any reason becomes invalid or ineffectual; or
   (b) The date 30 days after the date of receipt by FMC of notice in writing (including telex or cable) that the Guarantor has elected to terminate this Guaranty, except that if, on the date which would otherwise have been the expiration date of this Guaranty under the foregoing provisions of this Clause 3, any of the Vessels is on a voyage in respect of which such Vessel would not have received clearance in accordance with section 2(e) of the Act without the Certificate, then the expiration date of this Guaranty shall, in respect of such Vessel, be postponed to the date on which the last passenger on such voyage shall have fully disembarked.

4. If, during the currency of this Guaranty, the Applicant requests that a vessel owned or operated by the Applicant, and not specified in the annexed Schedule, should become subject to this Guaranty, and if the Guarantor accedes to such request and so notifies FMC in writing (including telex or cable), then provided that, within 30 days of receipt of such notice FMC shall have granted a Certificate, such vessel shall thereupon be deemed to be one of the Vessels included in the said Schedule and subject to this Guaranty.


(Place and Date of Execution)

(Name and Guarantor)

(Address of Guarantor)

By

(Name and Title)
Federal Maritime Commission

Schedule of Vessels Referred to in Clause 1
Vessels Added to This Schedule in Accordance With Clause 4

Subpart C—General

§ 540.91 OMB control numbers assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

This section displays the control numbers assigned to information collection requirements of the Commission in this part by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law 96–511. The Commission intends that this section comply with the requirements of section 3507(f) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires that agencies display a current control number assigned by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each agency information collection requirement:

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PART 545—INTERPRETATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF POLICY

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§ 545.1 Interpretation of Shipping Act of 1984—Refusal to negotiate with shippers' associations.

(a) Section 8(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("1984 Act") authorizes ocean common carriers and agreements between or among ocean common carriers to enter into a service contract with a shippers' association, subject to the requirements of the 1984 Act. Section 10(b)(10) of the 1984 Act prohibits carriers from unreasonably refusing to deal or negotiate. Section 7(a)(2) of the 1984 Act exempts from the antitrust laws any activity within the scope of that Act, undertaken with a reasonable basis to conclude that it is pursuant to a filed and effective agreement.

(b) The Federal Maritime Commission interprets these provisions to establish that a common carrier or conference may not require a shippers' association to obtain or apply for a Business Review Letter from the Department of Justice prior to or as part of a service contract negotiation process.


§ 545.2 Interpretation of Shipping Act of 1984—Unpaid ocean freight charges.

Section 10(a)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984 states that it is unlawful for any person to obtain or attempt to obtain transportation for property at less than the properly applicable rates, by any "unjust or unfair device or means." An essential element of the offense is use of an "unjust or unfair device or means." In the absence of evidence of bad faith or deceit, the Federal Maritime Commission will not infer an "unjust or unfair device or means" from the failure of a shipper to pay ocean freight. An "unjust or unfair device or means" could be inferred where a shipper, in bad faith, induced the carrier to relinquish its possessory lien on the cargo and to transport the cargo without prepayment by the shipper of the applicable freight charges.

**Subchapter C—Regulations and Actions to Address Restrictive Foreign Maritime Practices**

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 553; sec. 19 (a)(2), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920; 46 U.S.C. app. 876 (a)(2), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l), as amended by Pub. L. 101–200, 105 Stat. 1710, and sec. 1003 of the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988, 46 U.S.C. app. 1710a.


Note to Part 550: In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3518(c)(1)(B), and except for investigations undertaken with reference to a category of individuals or entities (e.g., an entire industry), any information requests or requirements in this part 550 are not subject to the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act because such collections of information are pursuant to a civil, administrative action or investigation by an agency of the United States against specific individuals or entities.

**Subpart A—General Provisions**

§ 550.101 Purpose.

It is the purpose of the regulations of this part to declare certain conditions resulting from governmental actions by foreign nations or from the competitive methods or practices of owners, operators, agents, or masters of vessels of a foreign country unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States and to establish procedures by which persons who are or can reasonably expect to be adversely affected by such conditions may petition the Federal Maritime Commission for the issuance of regulations under the authority of section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920. It is the further purpose of the regulations of this part to afford notice of the general circumstances under which the authority granted to the Commission under section 19 may be invoked and the nature of the regulatory actions contemplated.

§ 550.102 Scope.

Regulatory actions may be taken when the Commission finds, on its own motion or upon petition, that a foreign government has promulgated and enforced or intends to enforce laws, decrees, regulations or the like, or has engaged in or intends to engage in practices which presently have or prospectively could create conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States, or when owners, operators, agents or masters of

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§ 550.202 Type of information.

In order to aid in the determination of whether conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States exist, the Commission may, when it deems necessary or appropriate, and without further proceedings, order any:

(a) Owner, operator, or charterer in the affected trade to furnish any or all of the following information:

1. Statistics for a representative period showing passengers or cargo carried to and from the United States in the affected trade on vessels owned, operated or chartered by it, by type, source, value, and direction;

2. Information for a representative period on the activities of vessels owned, operated, or chartered, which
§ 550.203 Failure to provide information.

(a) A person who fails to file a report, answer, documentary material, or other information required under this subpart shall be liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each day that the information is not provided.

(b) The Commission may, when there is a failure to produce any information ordered produced under § 585.201, make appropriate findings of fact and inferences, including the inference that conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States do exist.

Subpart C—Conditions Unfavorable to Shipping

§ 550.301 Findings.

For the purposes of this part, conditions created by foreign governmental action or competitive methods, pricing practices or other practices of owners, operators, agents or masters of foreign vessels are found unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States, if such conditions:

(a) Impose upon vessels in the foreign trade of the United States fees, charges, requirements, or restrictions different from those imposed on other vessels competing in the trade, or preclude vessels in the foreign trade of the United States from competing in the trade on the same basis as any other vessel;

(b) Reserve substantial cargoes to the national flag or other vessels and fail to provide, on reasonable terms, for effective and equal access to such cargo by vessels in the foreign trade of the United States;
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(c) Are discriminatory or unfair as between carriers, shippers, exporters, importers, or ports or between exporters from the United States and their foreign competitors and which cannot be justified under generally accepted international agreements or practices and which operate to the detriment of the foreign commerce or the public interest of the United States;
(d) Restrict or burden a carrier’s intermodal movements or shore-based maritime activities, including terminal operations and cargo solicitation; agency services; ocean transportation intermediary services and operations; or other activities and services integral to transportation systems; or
(e) Are otherwise unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States.


Subpart D—Petitions for Section 19 Relief

§ 550.401 Who may file.

Any person who has been harmed by, or who can reasonably expect harm from, existing or impending conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States, may file a petition for relief under the provisions of this part.

§ 550.402 Filing of petitions.

All requests for relief from conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade shall be by written petition. An original and fifteen copies of a petition for relief under the provisions of this part shall be filed with the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. The petition shall be accompanied by remittance of a $177 filing fee.

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§ 550.403 Contents of petitions.

Petitions for relief from conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States shall set forth the following:

(a) A concise description and citation of the foreign law, rule, regulation or other document involved and, if not in English, a certified English translation thereof;
(b) Any other evidence of the existence of such practice or competitive method;
(c) A clear description, in detail, of the harm already caused or which may reasonably be expected to be caused petitioner, including:
(1) Statistics for the representative period showing the type and amount of revenue loss or operating cost increase suffered or projected, such as a present or prospective cargo loss if harm is alleged on that basis. Such statistics shall include figures which permit comparison or computation of the proportional effect of the harm alleged. For example, when the harm alleged is loss of cargo, supporting evidence shall include the total cargo carried or projected in the trade for the period;
(2) Statistics or other evidence for the representative period showing increased costs, inferior services or other harm to cargo or other non-vessel interest if injury is claimed on that basis; and
(3) A statement as to why the period is representative.
(e) A recommended regulation, the promulgation of which will, in the view of the petitioner, adjust or meet the alleged conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States.

§ 550.404 Amendment or dismissal of petitions.

Upon the failure of a petitioner to comply with the provisions of this part, the petitioner will be notified by the Secretary and afforded reasonable opportunity to amend its petition. Failure to timely amend the petition may result in its dismissal. For good cause shown additional time for amendment may be granted.

Subpart E—Proceedings

§ 550.501 Participation of interested persons.

In the event that participation of interested persons is deemed necessary
§ 550.502 Discovery.

The Commission may authorize a party to a proceeding to use depositions, written interrogatories, and discovery procedures that, to the extent practicable, are in conformity with the rules applicable in civil proceedings in the district courts of the United States.

§ 550.503 Subpoenas.

In proceedings under this part, the Commission may by subpoena compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence.

§ 550.504 Witness fees.

In proceedings under this subpart, witnesses are, unless otherwise prohibited by law, entitled to the same fees and mileage as in the courts of the United States, subject to funds being provided by appropriations Acts.

§ 550.505 Failure to supply information.

For failure to supply information ordered to be produced or compelled by subpoena in proceedings under this part, the Commission may—

(a) After notice and an opportunity for hearing, suspend tariffs of a common carrier or that common carrier’s right to use the tariffs of conferences of which it is a member; or

(b) Assess a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each day that the information is not provided.

§ 550.506 Enforcement of orders.

In proceedings under this part, when a person violates an order of the Commission or fails to comply with a subpoena, the Commission may seek enforcement by a United States district court having jurisdiction over the parties.

§ 550.507 Postponement, discontinuance, or suspension of action.

The Commission may, on its own motion or upon petition, postpone, discontinue, or suspend any and all actions taken by it under the provisions of this part. The Commission shall postpone, discontinue or suspend any or all such actions if the President informs the Commission that postponement, discontinuance or suspension is required for reasons of foreign policy or national security.

§ 550.508 Publication, content, and effective date of regulation.

The Commission shall incorporate in any regulations adopted under the rules of this part a concise statement of their basis and purpose. Regulations shall be published in the Federal Register. Except where conditions warrant and for good cause, regulations promulgated under the rules of this part shall not become effective until at least 30 days after the date of publication.

Subpart F—Corrective Actions

§ 550.601 Actions to correct unfavorable conditions.

Upon submission of a petition filed under the rules of this part, or upon its own motion, the Commission may find that conditions unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States do exist, and may, without further proceedings, issue regulations which may:

(a) Impose equalizing fees or charges;
(b) Limit sailings to and from United States ports or the amount or type of cargo carried;
(c) Suspend, in whole or in part, tariffs and service contracts for carriage to or from United States ports, including a common carrier’s right to use tariffs of conferences and service contracts of agreements in United States trades of which it is a member for any period the Commission specifies;
(d) Suspend, in whole or in part, an ocean common carrier’s right to operate under an agreement, including any agreement authorizing preferential treatment at terminals or preferential terminal leases, whether filed with the
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Commission or not filed with the Commission pursuant to the exemptions granted in 46 CFR Part 572; or any agreement filed with the Commission authorizing space chartering, or pooling of cargo or revenues with other ocean common carriers;

(c) Impose a fee, not to exceed $1,000,000 per voyage;

(d) Request the collector of customs at the port or place of destination in the United States to refuse the clearance required by section 4197 of the Revised Statutes, 46 U.S.C. app. 91, to a vessel of a foreign carrier which is or whose government is identified as contributing to the unfavorable conditions described in subpart C;

(e) Request the collector of customs at the port or place of destination in the United States to collect any fees imposed by the Commission under paragraph (e) of this section;

(f) Request the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to deny entry, for purposes of oceanborne trade, of any vessel of a foreign carrier which is or whose government is identified as contributing to the unfavorable conditions described in subpart C, to any port or place in the United States or the navigable waters of the United States, or to detain any such vessel at the port or place in the United States from which it is about to depart for any other port or place in the United States; or

(i) Take any other action the Commission finds necessary and appropriate to adjust or meet any condition unfavorable to shipping in the foreign trade of the United States.

PART 551—ACTIONS TO ADJUST OR MEET CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE TO SHIPPING IN THE U.S. FOREIGN TRADE

§ 551.1 Actions to adjust or meet conditions unfavorable to shipping in specific trades.

Whenever the Commission determines that conditions unfavorable to shipping exist in the United States foreign trade with any nation and issues rules to adjust or meet such conditions, pursuant to section 19(1)(b) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, 46 U.S.C. app. 876(1)(b) and 46 CFR part 585, such rules shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and added to this part.

§ 551.2 Authority.


PART 555—ACTIONS TO ADDRESS ADVERSE CONDITIONS AFFECTING U.S.-FLAG CARRIERS THAT DO NOT EXIST FOR FOREIGN CARRIERS IN THE UNITED STATES

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§ 555.1 Purpose.

It is the purpose of the regulations of this part to establish procedures to implement the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, which authorizes the Commission to take action against foreign carriers, whose practices or whose government’s practices result in adverse conditions affecting the operations of United States carriers, which adverse conditions do not exist for those foreign carriers in the United States. The regulations of this part provide procedures for investigating such practices and for obtaining information relevant to the investigations, and also afford notice of the types of actions included among those that the Commission is authorized to take.

[64 FR 8010, Feb. 18, 1999]

§ 555.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

(a) Common carrier, marine terminal operator, ocean transportation intermediary, ocean common carrier, person, shipper, shippers’ association, and United States have the meanings given each such term, respectively, in section 3 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 702).

(b) Foreign carrier means an ocean common carrier a majority of whose vessels are documented under the laws of a country other than the United States;

(c) Maritime services means port-to-port carriage of cargo by the vessels operated by ocean common carriers;

(d) Maritime-related services means intermodal operations, terminal operations, cargo solicitation, agency services, ocean transportation intermediary services and operations, and all other activities and services integral to total transportation systems of ocean common carriers and their foreign domiciled affiliates on their own and others’ behalf;

(e) United States carrier means an ocean common carrier which operates vessels documented under the laws of the United States;

(f) United States oceanborne trade means the carriage of cargo between the United States and a foreign country, whether direct or indirect, by an ocean common carrier;

(g) Voyage means an inbound or outbound movement between a foreign country and the United States by a vessel engaged in the United States oceanborne trade. Each inbound or outbound movement constitutes a separate voyage.

[54 FR 11533, Mar. 21, 1989. Redesignated and amended at 64 FR 8010, Feb. 18, 1999]

§ 555.3 Scope.

The Commission shall take such action under this part as it considers necessary and appropriate when it determines that any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or practices of foreign governments, or any practices of foreign carriers or other persons providing maritime or maritime-related services in a foreign country, result in conditions that adversely affect the operations of United States carriers in United States oceanborne trade, and do not exist for foreign carriers of that country in the United States under the laws of the United States or as a result of acts of United States carriers or other persons providing maritime or maritime-related services in the United States.

§ 555.4 Petitions.

(a) A petition for investigation to determine the existence of adverse conditions as described in §555.3 may be submitted by any person, including any common carrier, shipper, shippers’ association, ocean transportation intermediary, or marine terminal operator, or any branch, department, agency, or
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§ 555.5 Investigations.

(a) An investigation to determine the existence of adverse conditions as described in §588.3 may be initiated by the Commission on its own motion or on the petition of any person pursuant to §588.4. An investigation shall be considered to have been initiated for the purpose of the time limits imposed by the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 upon the publication in the Federal Register of the Commission’s notice of investigation, which shall announce the initiation of the proceeding upon either the Commission’s own motion or the filing of a petition.

(b) The provisions of part 502 of this chapter (Rules of Practice and Procedure) shall not apply to this part except for those provisions governing ex parte contacts (§502.11 of this chapter) and except as the Commission may otherwise determine by order. The precise procedures and timetables for participation in investigations initiated under this part will be established on an ad hoc basis as appropriate and set forth in the notice. Proceedings may include oral evidentiary hearings, but only when the Commission determines

(ii) Statistical data or other information documenting the impact of the foreign government or commercial practices causing the conditions complained of, and the sources of those data; and

(iii) A statement as to why the period used is representative.

(8) A separate memorandum of law or a discussion of the relevant legal issues; and

(9) A recommended action, including any of those enumerated in §588.8, the result of which will, in the view of the petitioner, address the conditions complained of.

(c) A petition which the Commission determines fails to comply substantially with the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section shall be rejected promptly and the person filing the petition shall be notified of the reasons for such rejection. Rejection is without prejudice to the filing of an amended petition.

that there are likely to be genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of written submissions, or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. In any event, investigations initiated under this part shall proceed expeditiously, consistent with due process, to conform with the time limits specified in the Foreign Shipping Practices Act and to identify promptly the conditions described in §588.3 of this part.

(c) Upon initiation of an investigation, interested persons will be given the opportunity to participate in the proceeding pursuant to the procedures set forth in the notice. Submissions filed in response to a notice of investigation may include written data and statistics, views, and legal arguments. Factual information submitted shall be certified under oath. An original and 15 copies of such submissions will be filed with the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. Persons who receive information requests from the Commission pursuant to §588.6 of this part are not precluded from filing additional voluntary submissions in accordance with this paragraph.

(d) An investigation shall be completed and a decision rendered within 120 days after it has commenced as defined in paragraph (a) of this section, unless the Commission determines that an additional 90-day period is necessary in order to obtain sufficient information on which to render a decision. When the Commission determines to extend the investigation period for an additional 90 days, it shall issue a notice clearly stating the reasons therefore.

§555.6 Information demands and subpoenas.

(a) In furtherance of this part, the Commission may, by order, require any person (including any common carrier, shipper, shipper’s association, ocean freight forwarder, or marine terminal operator, or any officer, receiver, trustee, lessee, agent or employee thereof) to file with the Commission any periodic or special report, answers to questions, documentary material, or other information which the Commission considers necessary or appropriate, and in the form and within the time prescribed by the Commission. Responses to such orders may be required by the Commission to be made under oath.

(b) The Commission may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of records or other evidence as it deems necessary and appropriate in conducting an investigation under §555.5 of this part.

(c) The Commission may, in its discretion, determine that any information submitted to it in response to a request (including a subpoena) under this section, or accompanying a petition under §588.4, or voluntarily submitted by any person pursuant to §588.5(c), shall not be disclosed to the public. To this end, persons submitting information for consideration in a proceeding or investigation under this part may indicate in writing any factors they wish the Commission to consider relevant to a decision on confidentiality under this section; however, such information will be advisory only, and the actual determination will be made by the Commission. In the event that a request for confidentiality is not accommodated, the person making the request will be so advised before any disclosure occurs.

§555.7 Notification to Secretary of State.

Upon the publication of a petition in the Federal Register, or on its own motion should it determine to initiate an investigation pursuant to §588.5, the Commission will notify the Secretary of State of the same, and may request action to seek resolution of the matter through diplomatic channels. The Commission may request the Secretary to report the results of such efforts at a specified time.

§555.8 Action against foreign carriers.

(a) Whenever, after notice and opportunity for comment or hearing, the Commission determines that the conditions specified in §588.3 of this part exist, the Commission shall take such action as it considers necessary and appropriate against any foreign carrier.
which it identifies as a contributing cause to, or whose government is a contributing cause to, such conditions, in order to offset such conditions. Such action may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Limitations on sailings to and from United States ports or on the amount or type of cargo carried;

(2) Suspension, in whole or in part, of any or all tariffs or service contracts, including the right of an ocean common carrier to use any or all tariffs or service contracts of conferences in United States trades of which it is a member for such period as the Commission specifies;

(3) Suspension, in whole or in part, of the right of an ocean common carrier to operate under any agreement filed with the Commission, including agreements authorizing preferential treatment at terminals, preferential terminal leases, space chartering, or pooling of cargo or revenues with other ocean common carriers;

(4) Imposition of a charge, not to exceed $1,000,000 per voyage;

(5) A request to the collector of customs at any port or place of destination in the United States to refuse the clearance required by section 4197 of the Revised Statutes, 46 U.S.C. app. 91, to any vessel of a foreign carrier that is identified by the Commission under this section;

(6) A request to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to deny entry, for purposes of oceanborne trade, of any vessel of a foreign carrier that is identified by the Commission under this section; and

(7) Any other action the Commission finds necessary and appropriate to address adverse foreign shipping practices as described in §588.3 of this part.

(c) Before any action against foreign carriers under this section becomes effective or a request under this section is made, the Commission's determination as to adverse conditions and its proposed actions and/or requests shall be submitted immediately to the President. Such actions will not become effective nor requests made if, within 10 days of receipt of the Commission's determination and proposal, the President disapproves it in writing, setting forth the reasons for the disapproval, if the President finds that disapproval is required for reasons of the national defense or the foreign policy of the United States.

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§ 560.1 Purpose; general provisions.
(a)(1) It is the purpose of this part to enumerate certain conditions resulting from the action of a common carrier, acting alone or in concert with any person, or a foreign government, which unduly impair the access of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States whether liner, bulk, tramp or other vessel, (hereinafter "U.S. flag vessel") to ocean trade between foreign ports, which includes intermodal movements, and to establish procedures by which the owner or operator of a U.S. flag vessel (hereinafter "U.S. flag carrier") may petition the Federal Maritime Commission for relief under the authority of section 13(b)(6) of the Shipping Act of 1984 ("the Act") (46 U.S.C. app. 1712(b)(6)).

(b) It is the further purpose of this part to indicate the general circumstances under which the authority granted to the Commission under section 13(b)(6) may be invoked, and the nature of the subsequent actions contemplated by the Commission.

(c) This part also furthers the goals of the Act with respect to encouraging the development of an economically sound and efficient U.S. flag liner fleet as stated in section 2 of the Act (46 U.S.C. app. 1701).

(b)(1) This part implements the statutory notice and hearing requirement and ensures that due process is afforded to all affected parties. At the same time, it allows for flexibility in structuring proceedings so that the Commission may act expeditiously whenever harm to a U.S. flag carrier resulting from impaired access to cross trades has been demonstrated or is imminent.

(d) The condition of unduly impaired access will be found only where a U.S. flag carrier is commercially able to enter a trade in which its access is being unduly impaired, or is reasonably expected to be impaired, or where actual participation in a trade by a U.S. flag carrier is being restricted for reasons other than its commercial ability or competitiveness.

(d) In examining conditions in a trade between foreign ports, and in considering appropriate action, the Commission will give due regard to U.S. maritime policy and U.S. Government shipping arrangements with other nations, as well as the degree of reciprocal access afforded in U.S. foreign trades to the carriers of the countries against whom Commission action is contemplated.


§ 560.2 Factors indicating conditions unduly impairing access.
For the purpose of this part, factors which would indicate the existence of conditions created by foreign government action or action of a common carrier acting alone or in concert with any person, which unduly impair access of a U.S. flag vessel engaged in or seeking access to ocean trade between foreign ports, include, but are not limited to:
(a) Imposition upon U.S. flag vessels or upon shippers or consignees using such vessels, of fees, charges, requirements, or restrictions different from those imposed on national-flag or other vessels, or which preclude or tend to preclude U.S. flag vessels from competing in the trade on the same basis as any other vessel.

(b) Reservation of a substantial portion of the total cargo in the trade to national-flag or other vessels which results in failure to provide reasonable competitive access to cargoes by U.S. flag vessels.

(c) Use of predatory practices, possibly including but not limited to the use of a vessel or vessels in a particular trade for the purpose of excluding, preventing, or reducing competition by driving another ocean common carrier out of that trade, and closed conferences employing deferred rebates, which unduly impair access of a U.S. flag vessel to the trade.

(d) Any government or commercial practice that results in, or may result
§ 560.4 Proceeding.

(a) Upon the Commission’s own motion or upon the filing of a petition which meets the requirements of §560.3, when there are indications that conditions unduly impairing the access of a U.S. flag vessel to trade between foreign ports may exist, the Commission will institute a proceeding pursuant to this part.
§ 560.5 Receipt of relevant information.

(a) In making its decision on matters arising under section 13(b)(6) of the Act, the Commission may receive and consider relevant information from any owner, operator, or conference in an affected trade, or from any foreign government, either directly or through the Department of State or from any other reliable source. All such submissions should be supported by affidavits of fact and memorandum of law. Relevant information may include, but is not limited to:

(i) Statistics, with sources, or, if unavailable, the best estimates pertaining to:

(ii) The total cargo carried in the affected liner or bulk trade by type, source, value, tonnage and direction.

(iii) Cargo carried in the affected trade on vessels owned or operated by any person or conference, by type, source, value, tonnage and direction.

(iv) The percentage such cargo carried is of the total affected liner or bulk trade, on a tonnage and value basis.

(v) The amount of cargo reserved by a foreign government for national-flag or other vessels in the affected trade, on a tonnage and value basis, and a listing of the types of cargo and specific commodities which are reserved for national-flag or other vessels.

(b) Information on the operations of vessels of any party serving the affected trade, including sailings to and from ports in the trade, taxes or other charges paid to foreign authorities, and subsidies or other payments received from foreign authorities.

(c) Information clarifying the meaning of the foreign law, rule, regulation or practice complained of, and a description of its implementation.

(d) Complete copies of all conference and other agreements, including amendments and related documents, which apply in the trade.

§ 560.6 Notification to Secretary of State.

When there are indications that conditions unduly impairing the access of a U.S. flag vessel to trade between foreign ports may exist, the Commission shall so notify the Secretary of State and may request that the Secretary of State seek resolution of the matter through diplomatic channels. If request is made, the Commission will give every assistance in such efforts, and the Commission may request the Secretary to report the results of such efforts within a specified time period.

§ 560.7 Decision; sanctions; effective date.

(a) Upon completion of any proceeding conducted under this part, the Commission will issue and serve a decision on all parties.

(b) If the Commission finds that conditions unduly impairing access of a U.S. flag vessel to ocean trade between foreign ports exist, any of the following actions may be taken:

(i) Imposition of equalizing fees or charges applied in the foreign trade of the United States;
§ 560.9 Postponement, discontinuance, or suspension of action.

(a) The Commission may, on its own motion or upon a petition, postpone, discontinue, or suspend any action taken by it under the provisions of this part. Such a petition shall be served on all other parties and will not, in and of itself, stay the effective date of Commission action.

(b) The Commission shall postpone, discontinue or suspend any action provided for in its final decision if so directed by the President for reasons of national defense or foreign policy of the United States as provided in §560.8.

§ 560.8 Submission of decision to the President.

Concurrently with the submission of any decision imposing sanctions to the FEDERAL REGISTER pursuant to §587.7(d)(1), the Commission shall transmit that decision to the President of the United States who may, within ten days after receiving the decision, disapprove it if the President finds that disapproval is required for reasons of the national defense or the foreign policy of the United States.
PART 565—CONTROLLED CARRIERS

§ 565.1 Purpose and scope.
(a) Purpose. The regulations of this part are intended to carry out the Commission’s mandate under section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, to monitor the practices of controlled carriers and ensure that they do not:
   (1) Maintain rates or charges in their tariffs and service contracts that are below a level that is just and reasonable; nor
   (2) Establish, maintain or enforce unjust or unreasonable classifications, rules or regulations in those tariffs or service contracts which result or are likely to result in the carriage or handling of cargo at rates or charges that are below a just and reasonable level.

(b) Scope. The regulations contained in this part set forth the special procedures whereby controlled carriers’ tariffs and service contracts become effective and are reviewed by the Commission. These regulations in no way exempt controlled carriers from other Commission regulations or statutory authority to which they may otherwise be subject as ocean common carriers. These regulations apply to all controlled carriers operating in the foreign commerce of the United States unless excepted under section 9(f) of the Shipping Act of 1984, as reflected by §565.5.

§ 565.2 Definitions.
(a) Controlled carrier means an ocean common carrier that is, or whose operating assets are, directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a government. Ownership or control by a government shall be deemed to exist with respect to any ocean common carrier if:
   (1) A majority portion of the interest in the carrier is owned or controlled in any manner by that government, by any agency thereof, or by any public or private person controlled by that government; or
   (2) That government has the right to appoint or disapprove the appointment of a majority of the directors, the chief operating officer or the chief executive officer of the carrier.
(b) Effective date has the same meaning it has in 46 CFR part 520.

§ 565.3 Classification as controlled carrier.
(a) Notification. The Commission will periodically review the ocean common carriers operating in the foreign commerce of the United States and will notify any ocean common carrier of any change in its classification as a controlled carrier.
(b) Rebuttal of classification. (1) Any ocean common carrier contesting such a classification may, within 30 days after the date of the Commission’s notice, submit a rebuttal statement.
   (2) The Commission shall review the rebuttal and notify the ocean common carrier of its final decision.

§ 565.4 Notification to Commission of change in control.
Whenever the operation, control or ownership of an ocean common carrier is transferred resulting in a majority portion of the interest of that ocean common carrier being owned or controlled in any manner by a government, the ocean common carrier shall immediately send written notification of the details of the change to the Secretary of the Commission. If a carrier is newly commencing ocean common carrier operations in a United States trade, and if a majority portion of the
carrier is owned or controlled by a government, or if a government may approve or disapprove the majority of directors or the chief executive or operating officer of the carrier, the carrier shall immediately send written notification to the Secretary of the details of such ownership or control.

§ 565.5 Exceptions.
All controlled carriers shall be subject to provisions of this part and section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984 except those which meet the following exceptions:
(a) When the vessels of the controlling state are entitled by a treaty of the United States to receive national or most-favored-nation treatment; or
(b) When the controlled carrier operates in a trade served exclusively by controlled carriers.

§ 565.6 Level of rates and charges generally.
No controlled carrier may maintain or enforce rates or charges in its tariffs or service contracts that are below a level that is just and reasonable. No controlled carrier may establish or maintain unjust or unreasonable classifications, rules, or regulations in its tariffs or service contracts. An unjust or unreasonable classification, rule or regulation means one that results or is likely to result in the carriage or handling of cargo at rates or charges that are below a just and reasonable level. See §565.9(a)(2) (Rate standards).

§ 565.7 Effective dates.
(a) Generally. Except for service contracts, the rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations of controlled carriers may not, unless the Commission has granted special permission, become effective sooner than the 30th day after the date of publication.
(b) Open rates—(1) Generally. Controlled carriers that are members of conference agreements publishing rates for commodities designated as open by the conference are subject to the 30-day controlled carrier notice requirement, except when special permission is granted by the Commission under §565.8.
(2) Conference publication of reduced open rates. Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(1) of this section, a conference may, on less than 30 days’ notice, publish reduced rates on behalf of controlled carrier members for open-rated commodities:
(i) At or above the minimum level set by the conference; or
(ii) At or above the level set by a member of the conference that has not been determined by the Commission to be a controlled carrier subject to section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984.
(c) Independent action rates of controlled carriers. Conferences may publish on behalf of their controlled carrier members lower independent action rates on less than 30 days’ notice, subject to the requirements of their basic agreements and subject to such rates being published at or above the level set by a member of the conference that has not been determined by the Commission to be a controlled carrier subject to section 9 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

§ 565.8 Special permission.
Section 8(d) of the Shipping Act of 1984 authorizes the Commission, in its discretion and for good cause shown, to permit increases or decreases in rates, or the issuance of new or initial rates, on less than statutory notice under §565.7. Section 9(c) of the Shipping Act of 1984 authorizes the Commission to permit a controlled carrier’s rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations to become effective on less than 30 days’ notice. The Commission may also in its discretion and for good cause shown, permit departures from the requirements of this part. The Commission will consider such requests for special permission by controlled carriers pursuant to its procedures set forth at 46 CFR part 520.

§ 565.9 Commission review, suspension and prohibition of rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations.
(a)(1) Request for justification. Within 20 days of a request (with respect to its existing or proposed rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations) from the Commission, each controlled carrier shall file a statement of justification that sufficiently details the controlled carrier’s need and purpose for such rates, charges, classifications,
§ 565.10 Suspension procedures, period of suspension, and replacement rates.

(a)(1) Suspension prior to effective date. Pending a determination as to their lawfulness in a prohibition proceeding as described in §565.9, the Commission may suspend the rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations at any time before their effective date.

(b) Period of suspension. In any case, no period of suspension may be greater than 180 days.

(c) Implementation. (1) Upon issuance of an order suspending a rate, charge, classification, rule or regulation in whole or in part, the Commission shall direct the controlled carrier to remove the suspended material from its tariff publication; or

(2) if the matter subject to the suspension order is not covered by paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the Commission shall set forth procedures in the order for implementing the suspension.
(3) Publication. All orders of suspension shall be published in the Federal Register.

(d) Replacement rates. Controlled carriers may publish in tariffs or file in service contracts rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations in lieu of the suspended matter ("replacement rates").

(1) Effective date. In the case of replacement rates which are published in tariffs and which are scheduled to become effective during a suspension period, may become effective immediately upon either their publication in tariffs or upon the effective date of the suspension, whichever is later.

(2) Rejection of replacement rates. The Commission may reject the replacement rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations published in tariffs or filed in service contracts to take effect during the suspension period if they are unjust and unreasonable. In determining whether to reject replacement rates, charges, classifications, rules or regulations, the Commission will consider whether they would result in total charges (i.e., rate plus applicable surcharges) that are lower than the lowest comparable charges effective for a common carrier, other than a controlled carrier, serving the same trade.

(3) At the same time it announces replacement rates, the controlled carrier shall submit to the Secretary of the Commission, a letter identifying the specific competing common carrier’s rates, charges, classification or rules resulting in total charges which are equal to or lower than its own.

§ 565.11 Presidential review.

The Commission shall transmit all orders of suspension or final orders of prohibition to the President of the United States concurrently with the submission of such orders to the Federal Register pursuant to §565.9(d) or §565.10(c)(3). The President may, within 10 days of either the receipt or effective date of the order, request in writing that the Commission stay the effect of the order for reasons of national defense or foreign policy.

§ 565.12 Stay, postponement, discontinuance or suspension of action.

The Commission may, on its own motion or upon petition, postpone, discontinue, or suspend any and all actions taken by it under the provisions of this part. The Commission shall immediately stay the effect of any order issued under this part as requested by the President pursuant to §565.11.

§ 565.13 OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Commission has received OMB approval for this collection of information pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. In accordance with that Act, agencies are required to display a currently valid control number. The valid control number for this collection of information is 3072–0060.
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