

Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference files TN189-1-9730, TN194-1-9731, and TN198-1-9732. The Region 4 office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. William Denman 404/562-9030

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Denman at 404/562-9030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

Michael V. Peyton,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Part 384

[Docket No. R-166]

RIN 2133-AB26

Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Withdrawal of advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is withdrawing its rulemaking, initiated through an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) published on October 28, 1996, soliciting public comment on whether it should amend its existing criteria and methodologies for granting waivers of the requirement for U.S.-flag

vessel carriage of cargo covered by Public Resolution 17 (PR17), 33rd Congress. In administering this law, MARAD has been following a policy for granting waivers which was published in 1959.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Murray Bloom, Chief, Division of Maritime Assistance Programs, Office of the Chief Counsel, Telephone (202) 366-5320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 1996, MARAD published an ANPRM (61 FR 55614) setting forth its policy for granting waivers of the requirement for exclusive U.S.-flag carriage of certain cargo covered by PR17 (46 App U.S.C. 1241-1), soliciting public comment on whether it should amend its criteria that have been in effect since 1959, and if so, how the criteria should be changed. In a subsequent notice published on December 24, 1996 (61 FR 67764), MARAD extended the original 60 day comment period for 45 days, and posed 12 questions involving whether MARAD should actually issue a rule that states the objectives and the procedures that will guide the waiver process, as well as the merits, respectively, of various specified procedures. After the receipt and careful review of comments, MARAD held a public forum on May 29, 1997, which allowed interested parties to present oral and written comments to MARAD and officials of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, which administers a program granting credits (loans) with respect to agricultural or other U.S. products for export, that is within the scope of PR17.

Based on the positions enunciated by ocean carriers and shippers with divergent interests, MARAD concluded, with the concurrence of the Export-Import Bank, that the promulgation of discrete regulations of general applicability is not feasible. Therefore, MARAD will continue to grant waivers through case-by-case determinations. Accordingly, on July 2, 1997, MARAD published (62 FR 35881) a revised policy statement that applies to credits of the Export-Import Bank.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 25

[IB Docket No. 96-111; CC Docket No. 93-23; FCC 97-252]

Non-U.S.-Licensed Satellites Providing Domestic and International Service in the United States

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: With this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Commission seeks additional comment on a framework to allow non-U.S.-licensed satellites to provide domestic and international satellite services in the United States. The Commission tentatively concludes that the public interest requires adoption of uniform standards to determine whether a non-U.S. satellite system should be permitted to serve the United States. The Commission aims to promote greater market access, to foster fair competition, and to ensure lower prices, better service, and more innovative service offerings for U.S. users and competitors. This Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking contains proposed or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed or modified information collections contained in this proceeding.

DATES: Comments may be filed no later than August 21, 1997. Reply Comments may be filed no later than September 5, 1997. Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due September 29, 1997. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified information collections on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Secretary, Room 222, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov, and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB, 725-17th Street, NW.,