

certain other traffic and service quality data under 14 CFR parts 217, 234, 250, and 374a.

The Department in Docket No. OST-98-4043, Notice 98-18, "Aviation Data Requirements Review and Modernization Program" on its own initiative requested public comments from reporting carriers and aviation data users on the nature, scope, source, and means for collecting, processing, and distributing airline traffic, fare, and financial data. Specifically, the Department invited comments on whether existing airline traffic, fare, and financial data should be amended, supplemented, or replaced; whether selected forms and reports should be retained, modified, or eliminated; whether the Department should require all aviation data to be filed electronically; and how the aviation data system should be reengineered to enhance efficiency and to reduce costs for both the Department and the airline industry. It is the Department's preliminary position that its current aviation data systems may not provide sufficiently detailed data in some areas which are necessary to ensure that the Department fully meets its mandated aviation responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is the setting of the Alaska bush mail rates. The Department relies on data submitted by the Alaska small certificated and commuter air carriers on the Form 298-C reports to set the bush mail rates. While this meeting will be held as part of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to review the Department's aviation data collection process, its focus will be on the data collection process for Form 298-C reports. A summary of the meeting will be included in the docket.

DOT, the Postal Service, Alaska air carriers, and other interested entities will review and discuss possible revisions to 14 CFR part 298 (the Department's Form 298-C reporting requirements). The meeting will assess how the Form 298-C data reporting system can be reengineered to enhance the usefulness of the data collected in facilitating the Alaska bush mail rate calculations while at the same time exploring alternatives for reducing costs for the Department, the Postal Service, and the airline industry. The meeting will be open to the public. We particularly solicit participation from those Alaska small certificated and commuter air carriers who currently transport or wish to transport mail for the U.S. Postal Service in Alaska.

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*Director, Office of Airline Information,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### 19 CFR PART 111

RIN 1515-AC34

#### Customs Brokers

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides an additional 30 days for interested members of the public to submit comments on the proposed revision to part 111 of the Customs Regulations governing the licensing and conduct of customs brokers in the performance of customs business on behalf of others. The proposed revision, which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 1999, includes changes to the regulatory texts to part 111 to reflect amendments to the underlying statutory authority enacted as part of the Customs Modernization provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The proposed revision also includes changes to reflect the recent reorganization of Customs as well as changes to improve the content, layout and clarity of the regulatory texts. The comment period was scheduled to expire on June 28, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed revision must be received on or before July 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments (preferably in triplicate) may be addressed to the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, US Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20229. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), § 1.4, Treasury Department Regulations (31 CFR 1.4) and § 103.11(b), Customs Regulations (19 CFR 103.11(b)) between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on normal business days at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Operational Aspects:* Bruce Ingalls,

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*Legal Aspects:* Jerry Laderberg, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202-927-2320).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 22726) on April 27, 1999, proposing to revise part 111 of the Customs Regulations governing the licensing and conduct of customs brokers in the performance of customs business on behalf of others. The proposed revision includes changes to the regulatory texts to part 111 to reflect amendments to the underlying statutory authority enacted as part of the Customs Modernization provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The proposed revision also includes changes to reflect the recent reorganization of Customs as well as changes to improve the content, layout and clarity of the regulatory texts.

The document invited the public to comment on the proposed revision to part 111. Comments on the proposed rule were requested on or before June 28, 1999.

On June 22, 1999, Customs received a request from a law firm representing the JFK Airport Customs Brokers Association to extend the time period for submission of comments on the proposed rule so that the firm can receive sufficient input from members of the Association before submitting comments.

Customs has concluded that this request has merit. Accordingly, the period of time for the submission of comments is being extended 30 days. Comments are now due on or before July 28, 1999.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

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Regulations and Rulings.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

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#### Drawbridge Operations Regulations; Columbia River, OR

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.