

the operation of the AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge across the Connecticut River at mile 3.4, between Old Saybrook and Old Lyme, Connecticut. This temporary deviation requires the bridge to operate on a fixed opening schedule from March 8, 2006 through April 15, 2006, and also allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for 72 hours, from 6 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2006 through 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. The draw shall open on signal for commercial vessels, except during the 72 hour bridge closure period, after at least a four-hour advance notice is given. This deviation is necessary to facilitate urgent bridge maintenance.

DATES: This deviation is effective from March 8, 2006 through April 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch Office, One South Street, New York, New York, 10004, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (212) 668-7165. The First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch Office maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge, across the Connecticut River at mile 3.4, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 19 feet at mean high water and 22 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.205(b).

On February 3, 2006, the Coast Guard issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations governing the operation of the AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge to facilitate scheduled electrical and mechanical bridge maintenance.

On February 24, 2006, during the course of the above scheduled bridge maintenance the bridge owner discovered additional necessary vital repairs, faulty bridge electrical cables, and a worn pinion bearing that must be replaced as soon as possible to assure the continued safe and reliable operation of the bridge.

As a result of the above information, the owner of the bridge, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), has requested a temporary deviation to facilitate urgent bridge repairs, replacement of the bridge electrical cables and the pinion bearing.

In order to perform the above repairs the bridge must open on a fixed

schedule in order to facilitate the electrical cable repair and must remain in the closed position for 72 hours to replace the worn pinion bearing.

Under this temporary deviation the AMTRAK Old Saybrook-Old Lyme Bridge across the Connecticut River at mile 3.4, shall open on signal Monday through Friday at 8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 2:15 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 4 p.m.

In addition, the draw need not open for the passage of vessel traffic for 72 hours, from 6 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2006 through 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006.

The draw shall open on signal for commercial vessels, except during the 72 hour closed period, if at least a four-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

The operation of the CONRAIL Middletown-Portland Bridge at mile 32.0, across the Connecticut River, which is also listed under 33 CFR 117.205(b), will not be effected by this temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(b), these vital, unscheduled repairs should be performed without delay in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

New Marking Requirement for Bound Printed Matter Machinable Parcels

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule adopts a new marking requirement for Bound Printed Matter (BPM) machinable parcels consisting of multiple pieces secured with transparent shrinkwrap. The new marking will enable our automated equipment to recognize that these BPM machinable parcels are intended for a single address. Under the new standards, mailers must use a firm optional endorsement line or apply a pressure-sensitive firm Label F. The new standards do not apply to BPM flats or irregular parcels.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Walker, 202-268-7266.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Postal Service published a proposal in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2005 (70 FR 76435), to require a firm optional endorsement line or a pressure-sensitive firm Label F on Bound Printed Matter machinable parcels consisting of multiple pieces secured with transparent shrinkwrap.

Summary of Comments

We received two comments on the proposal, both from commercial mailers. Neither mailer opposed our proposal.

One mailer suggested we clarify that the new marking requirement does not apply to all Bound Printed Matter (BPM) parcels. The new firm optional endorsement line (OEL) or pressure-sensitive label F requirement applies only to BPM machinable parcels consisting of multiple pieces secured with transparent shrinkwrap. A BPM parcel prepared with a cardboard box, for example, does not require a firm OEL or Label F.

The other mailer recommended the requirement include Standard Mail machinable parcels consisting of multiple pieces secured with transparent shrinkwrap. We believe the volume of Standard Mail parcels with these characteristics is so low that it does not warrant a new marking requirement. Therefore, we will not extend the change to Standard Mail.

We also received an informal request about the proposal via e-mail. The request asked whether the new standards will allow, as an option, the use of the firm OEL on a BPM parcel consisting of a single phone book enclosed in transparent shrinkwrap. While not required, mailers may use a firm OEL on BPM parcels consisting of a single piece, since in some cases the OEL can assist with the automated processing of single pieces in transparent shrinkwrap.

Several customers have asked us if they may label according to the new standards immediately. The effective date of these changes is July 6, 2006, but mailers are encouraged to comply as soon as possible.

Summary of Changes

When a BPM machinable parcel consists of multiple pieces for a single address secured with transparent shrinkwrap, mailers must label the parcel using one of the following options:

- A firm optional endorsement line, followed by the 5-digit destination ZIP Code of the parcel.
- A blue, pressure-sensitive, barcoded Label F on the address side of the parcel.

We provide the new standards, and how they are applied for Bound Printed Matter, below.

We adopt the following amendments to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 111 is amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

■ 2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), as follows:

400 Discount Mail Parcels

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402 Elements on the Face of a Mailpiece

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2.0 PLACEMENT AND CONTENT OF MARKINGS

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2.2 Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail Markings

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[Renumber 2.2.5 and 2.2.6 as 2.2.6 and 2.2.7. Add new 2.2.5, as follows:]

2.2.5 Address and Firm Designation on Bound Printed Matter Machinable Parcels

When a Bound Printed Matter machinable parcel consists of multiple pieces for a single address secured with transparent shrinkwrap, the delivery address information and barcoded pressure-sensitive Label F or firm optional endorsement line must be visible and readable by the naked eye. Mailers must label the parcel using one of the following options:

a. A firm optional endorsement line under 708.7.0, followed by the 5-digit destination ZIP Code of the parcel.

b. A blue, pressure-sensitive, barcoded Label F on the address side of the parcel.

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700 Special Standards

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708 Technical Specifications

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7.0 OPTIONAL ENDORSEMENT LINES (OELs)

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7.1 OEL Use

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Exhibit 7.1.1 OEL Formats

[Revise Exhibit 7.1.1 by adding an OEL example for BPM parcels, as follows:]

Sortation level	OEL Example
Firm—BPM machinable parcels	***** Firm 12345.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 174

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0174; FRL–7766–6]

Modified Cry3A Protein and the Genetic Material for Its Production in Corn; Extension of a Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation extends an existing temporary exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* modified Cry3A protein (mCry3A) and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn on field corn, sweet corn, and popcorn when applied/used as a plant-incorporated protectant. Syngenta Seeds, Inc. submitted a petition to EPA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), requesting this extension of the existing temporary tolerance exemption. This regulation eliminates the need to establish a maximum permissible level

for residues of modified Cry3A protein (mCry3A) and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn. The temporary tolerance exemption as extended will expire on October 15, 2007.

DATES: This regulation is effective March 15, 2006. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before May 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: To submit a written objection or hearing request follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit VIII. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0174. All documents in the docket are listed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. (EDOCKET, EPA's electronic public docket system was replaced on November 25, 2005, by an enhanced federal-wide electronic management and comment system located at <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the on-line instructions.) Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in EDOCKET or in hard copy at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 S. Bell St., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 308–8715; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).