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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, April 1997

AGENCY: Panama Canal Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this agenda is to report the proposed rulemaking activities of the Panama Canal Commission. This information will allow the public to participate in the rulemaking process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about a particular

regulatory project, contact the person listed in the subheading "Agency Contact" for that project. For general information, contact John A. Mills, Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, International Square, 1825 I Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20006-5402, (202) 634-6441 TDD or email PanCanalWO@AOL.COM; or John L. Haines, Jr., Esquire, General Counsel, Panama Canal Commission, Unit 2300, APO AA 34011-2300, 011/507-272-7511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, require that executive agencies publish in the

Federal Register a semiannual notice of regulations which are under development or review or for which action has been completed. The Panama Canal Commission agenda contains certain regulations which are limited in public impact, but they are included to increase public awareness of Commission activities and to allow for increased public participation in the Agency's regulatory review and development process. This agenda was prepared pursuant to guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

John A. Mills,
Secretary, Panama Canal Commission.

PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

Proposed Rule Stage

3738. • PREFERENCE IN THE TRANSIT SCHEDULE/ORDER OF TRANSITING VESSELS; PASSENGER STEAMERS GIVEN PREFERENCE IN TRANSITING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3811

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 103 (Revision)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule proposes a test of a revised vessel transit reservation system. The interim rule incorporates certain new features, including increasing the number of available reserved transit slots, creation

of a third transit booking period, establishment of new booking fees for transit bookings whenever the total number of vessels awaiting transit is excessively high, and clarification and refinement of procedures concerning cancellations, refunds and penalties. The interim rule also makes certain passenger vessels seeking preference over other vessels in transiting the Panama Canal, that heretofore were exempt, subject to the revised vessel transit reservation system to be tested.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/05/97	62 FR 9997

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	
Interim Final Rule	08/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

Final Rule Stage

3739. DANGEROUS CARGOES; RADIO COMMUNICATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3811; EO 12215

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 113.49(b) (Revision)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Panama Canal Commission is proposing to make the following change and clarification:

35 CFR 113.49(b): Explosive cargo to be used for other than official U.S.

Government purposes may not be loaded or offloaded at facilities of the Panama Canal Commission. Explosive anchorages prescribed in sections 101.8(a)(2)(3) and 101.8(c)(2), respectively, may be used upon approval of the Marine Safety Advisor, or his designee and concurrence of Canal Ops Captain.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/97	
Final Action Effective	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

Completed Actions

3740. PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 35

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/13/97	62 FR 11770
Final Action Effective	03/13/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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3741. TOLLS FOR USE OF CANAL

Priority: Other Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 133; 35 CFR 135

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/29/96	61 FR 60610
Final Action Effective	01/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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