

■ 6. Add new § 160.215 to read as follows:

§ 160.215 Force majeure.

When a vessel is bound for a port or place of the United States under force majeure, it must comply with the requirements in this section, but not other sections of this subpart. The vessel must report the following information to the nearest Captain of the Port as soon as practicable:

- (a) The vessel Master's intentions;
- (b) Any hazardous conditions as defined in § 160.202; and
- (c) If the vessel is carrying certain dangerous cargo or controlling a vessel carrying certain dangerous cargo, the amount and name of each CDC carried, including cargo UN number if applicable.

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J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2016-0768]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River, Rock Island, IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Rock Island Railroad and Highway Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 482.9, at Rock Island, Illinois. The deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner time to facilitate repairs to the locking mechanisms on the rail deck of the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position for critical repairs that are essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 5 a.m. on September 14, 2016 to 5 a.m. on September 15, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, USCG-2016-0768, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Eric A. Washburn, Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers, Coast Guard; telephone (314) 269-2378, email Eric.Washburn@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Army Rock Island Arsenal requested a temporary deviation for the Rock Island Railroad and Highway Drawbridge, mile 482.9, at Rock Island, Illinois across the Upper Mississippi River. It has a vertical clearance of 23.8 feet above normal pool in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. The Rock Island Railroad and Highway Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, which states the general requirement that drawbridges shall open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with the subpart.

The deviation period is from 5 a.m. on September 14, 2016 to 5 a.m. on September 15, 2016 when the draw span will remain in the closed-to-navigation position. During this time the bridge owner will facilitate critical repairs to the locking mechanisms on the rail deck of the bridge that are essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies and there is no immediate alternate route for vessels to pass this section of the Upper Mississippi River. The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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Eric A. Washburn,

Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 36

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Loan Guaranty: Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) loan guaranty regulations to correct an oversight in the delegation of authority to exercise the powers and functions of the Secretary with respect to the guaranty or insurance of loans and the rights and liabilities arising therefrom. This document also incorporates into regulatory form delegatory authority already granted certain VA loan guaranty officials to administer and manage properties acquired by VA.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 29, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bell III, Assistant Director for Loan Policy and Valuation (262), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 632-8786. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA is amending 38 CFR 36.4345(b)(1), Delegation of authority, to add Principal Under Secretary for Benefits and Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity to the list of VA employees who hold authority to exercise the powers and functions of the Secretary with respect to the guaranty or insurance of loans and the rights and liabilities arising therefrom. VA is also adding to the list Deputy Director, Loan Guaranty Service; Assistant Director, Loan Guaranty Service; and Realty Officer, Loan Guaranty Service.

The positions of Principal Under Secretary for Benefits and Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity were not originally included in 38 CFR 36.4345(b)(1) because they did not exist at the time the regulation was promulgated. VA inadvertently omitted the delegatory authority to the positions of Deputy Director, Assistant Director, and Realty Officer Loan Guaranty Service. Accordingly, VA is amending this regulatory provision to add these positions to the list of VA employees to whom the authority to exercise the powers and functions of the Secretary with respect to the guaranty or insurance of loans and the rights and liabilities arising therefrom.

VA is removing from 38 CFR 36.4345(b)(1) the positions of Director,