The Coast Guard is establishing safety zones, anchorages, and temporary spectator anchorage grounds in the navigable waters of Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. During the parade of sail rally of the Tall Ships participating in the Sail Boston 2017 event, the area is expected to draw several hundred thousand spectators by land, as well as water, to various public events, including parades, activities, ceremonies, and activities. The Coast Guard is making this temporary special local regulation necessary to protect the maritime public and participating vessels from possible hazards to navigation associated with dense vessel traffic.

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 471, 1221 through 1236, 2071 50 U.S.C. 191 and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1, which collectively authorize the Coast Guard to establish safety zones, anchorages and special local regulations.

The Captain of the Port (COTP) Boston has determined that this rule will provide for the safety of life on navigable waters to protect the participating Tall Ships, private vessels, spectators, and the Port of Boston during Sail Boston 2017.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received no comments on our NPRM published on March 24, 2017. The only change from the NPRM is that we added a "NOTE" following the regulatory text to advise the public that Boston Harbor is a "NO-DISCHARGE ZONE." This rule adopts a temporary special local regulation, multiple safety zones, and temporary spectator anchorage grounds before, during and after Sail Boston 2017.

Temporary Spectator Anchorage Grounds

The Coast Guard will add temporary section 110.T01–0949 to establish thirteen temporary spectator anchorage grounds for spectator craft for the arrival of the participating Tall Ships on June 16, 2017 and the Sail Boston 2017 Parade of Tall Ships on June 17, 2017. This rule also includes the temporary suspension of 33 CFR 110.138, the Boston Harbor, Massachusetts anchorage ground, during the periods the new spectator anchorage grounds and regulations are temporarily established.

The anchorage regulations would temporarily establish spectator anchorage grounds for recreational, special use, fishing, and commercial vessels during the Sail Boston 2017 Parade of Tall Ships.

Special Local Regulations


Recognizing the significant amount of recreational boating traffic this event is expected to draw, the Coast Guard will establish a special local regulation that would create vessel movement control measures in Boston Harbor that will be in effect during the entirety of the Sail Boston 2017 event. This section would be designated as section 100.T01–0949. The special local regulation is needed to control vessel movement in order to facilitate timely law enforcement support vessels access to Maritime and transportation facilities. Additionally, the regulated areas will protect the maritime public and participating vessels from possible hazards to navigation associated with dense vessel traffic.

Safety Zones

The Coast Guard is establishing safety zones in section 165.T01–0949. On June 16, 2017, tall ships participating in the parade of sail will rally in Broad Sound.
The Coast Guard is establishing a 100-yard safety zone around participating Tall Ships while they are anchored in Broad Sound. The regulation would be enforced from June 16 to June 17.

V. Regulatory Analyses
We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review
Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Although this regulation imposes temporary spectator anchorages, traffic control measures, and safety zones in portions of Boston Harbor during the events, the effect of this regulation will not be significant for the following reasons: Vessels needing to depart the temporary spectator anchorages may do so with permission from the COTP’s designated on-scene representative and vessels will have sufficient transit room around the outer edge of the designated anchorages. The traffic control measures are confined to areas of minimal distance, they follow the natural flow of Boston Harbor traffic, they are in compliance with the navigational rules of the road, and crossovers have been established for vessels wanting to change direction. The 25-yard safety zone around participating Tall Ships while moored will have no impact to vessel movement in Boston Harbor and will only be in place during the 5 days of Sail Boston activities. Sail Boston, Inc. over the past 6 months has held multiple public meetings discussing Sail Boston 2017 events and during each meeting, these proposals have been discussed. An extensive advance notice will be made to mariners via appropriate means, which may include broadcast notice to mariners, local notice to mariners, facsimile, marine safety information bulletin, local Port Operators Group meetings, Harbor Safety Committee meetings, the Internet, USCG Sector Boston Homeport Web page, handouts, and local newspapers and media. The advance notice will permit mariners to adjust their plans accordingly. Similar restrictions were established for other Sail Boston events in 1992, 2000, 2009, and War of 1812 in 2012. Based upon the Coast Guard’s experiences from those previous events of similar magnitude, these regulations have been narrowly tailored to impose the least impact on maritime interests while providing the necessary level of safety.

B. Impact on Small Entities
The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit Boston Harbor may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information
This rule does not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments
A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act
The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule does not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment
We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves spending no own money, establishing temporary
safety zones, and traffic control measures to facilitate the safety of all vessels participating, watching the Parade of Tall Ships and the viewing of the moored Tall Ships during the Sail Boston 2017 event. These actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34 (f), (g), and (h) of Figure 2–1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.1D. A Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects

33 CFR Part 100
Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Waterways.

33 CFR Part 110
Anchorages.

33 CFR Part 165
Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR parts 100, 110, and 165 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

2. Add § 100.T01–0949 to read as follows:

§ 100.T01–0949 Special Local Regulation: Sail Boston 2017; Port of Boston, MA.

(a) Location: This special local regulation establishes a regulated area to include all waters west of a line drawn from the monument at Castle Island in approximate position 42°20′21″ N., 71°00′37″ W., to the Logan Airport Security Zone Buoy “24” in approximate position 42°20′45″ N., 71°00′29″ W., and then to land in approximate position 42°20′48″ N., 71°00′27″ W., including the Reserved Channel to the Summer Street retractile bridge in approximate position 42°20′34″ N., 71°02′11″ W., the Charles River to the Gridley Locks at the Charles River Dam in approximate position 42°22′07″ N., 71°03′40″ W., the Mystic River at the Alford Street Bridge in approximate position 42°23′22″ N., 71°04′16″ W., and the Chelsea River to the McArdle Bridge in approximate position 42°23′09″ N., 71°02′21″ W.

(b) Special Local Regulations. (1) During the effective period, vessel operators transiting through the regulated area shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction at no wake speeds not to exceed five knots, unless otherwise authorized by the Captain of the Port.

(2) Vessel operators shall comply with the directions and orders of the COTP or the COTP’s representative, upon being hailed by siren, radio, flashing lights, or other means. The COTP’s representative may be any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer or any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer who has been designated by the COTP to act on the COTP’s behalf. The COTP’s representative may be on a Coast Guard vessel, a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel, a federal, state or local law enforcement vessel, or a location on shore.

(3) From 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017 through 8 a.m. on June 22, 2017, vessel control measures will be implemented. The traffic pattern will be in a counterclockwise rotation, such that all vessels shall stay generally as far to the starboard side of the channel as is safe and practicable.

(4) To facilitate commercial ferry traffic with minimal disruption, commercial ferries within the regulated area, moving between stops on their normal routes, will be exempt from any on-scene COTP’s representative. Vessel traffic shall move in a counterclockwise direction around a turning point as marked by an appropriate on-scene COTP’s representative.

(5) Vessel operators transiting the waterway between the World Trade Center and Fish Pier must enter and keep to the starboard side of the channel, proceeding as directed by the on-scene COTP’s representative. Vessel traffic shall move in a counterclockwise direction around a turning point as marked by an appropriate on-scene COTP’s representative.

(6) Vessel operators transiting this area must maintain at least a twenty-five (25) yard safe distance from all participating Sail Boston Tall Ships and must make way for all deep draft vessel traffic underway in the area.

(7) When a vessel greater than 125 feet enters the waterway between the World Trade Center and the Fish Pier, no other vessel will be allowed to enter until the larger vessel departs that area, unless authorized by the on-scene COTP’s representative.

(8) From 10 p.m. through 8 a.m. daily, while the regulated area is in effect, only vessels which are tenants within the channels of the World Trade Center and the Fish Pier will be authorized access.

(9) The COTP may control the movement of all vessels operating on the navigable waters of Boston Harbor when the COTP has determined that such orders are justified in the interest of safety by reason of weather, visibility, sea conditions, temporary port congestion, or other temporary hazards circumstance.

(10) To obtain permissions required by this regulation, individuals may reach the COTP or a COTP representative via VHF channel 16 or 617–223–5757 (Sector Boston Command Center).


(c) Enforcement period. This regulation is will be enforced from 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017 through 8 a.m. on June 22, 2017.

PART 110—ANCHORAGE REGULATIONS

3. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:


§ 110.138 [Suspended]

4. From 8:00 a.m. on June 16, 2017, through 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2017, suspend § 110.138.

5. Add § 110.T01–0949 to read as follows:

§ 110.T01–0949 Temporary Anchorages: Sail Boston 2017; Port of Boston, MA.

(a) Anchorages. All anchorages in this paragraph are applicable as specified.

Vessel operators using the anchorages in this paragraph must comply with the general operational requirements specified in paragraph (b) and (c) of this section. All coordinates are NAD 1983.

(1) Anchorage 1. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates:

42°22′06″ N., 071°02′43″ W., 42°22′11″ N., 071°02′39″ W., 42°22′07″ N., 071°02′32″ W., and 42°22′03″ N., 071°02′35″ W.

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of
recreational vessels that are 45 feet or less in length and have superstructures that do not exceed 10 feet in height.

(2) Anchorage 2. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°21'41"N./071°02'25"W., 42°21'47"N./071°02'20"W., 42°21'35"N./071°01'53"W., and 42°21'29"N./071°01'58"W.

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels that are 45 feet or less in length and have superstructures that do not exceed 10 feet in height.

(3) Anchorage 3. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°21'26"N./071°01'51"W., 42°21'32"N./071°01'47"W., 42°21'25"N./071°01'33"W., and 42°21'19"N./071°01'37".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels that are 45 feet or less in length and their height above water does not to exceed 50 feet.

(4) Anchorage 4. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°21'19"N./071°01'37"W., 42°21'25"N./071°01'33"W., 42°21'09"N./071°01'02"W., and 42°21'04"N./071°01'06".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of inspected and uninspected small passenger vessels (certificated by the Coast Guard under subchapters T and K of chapter I of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations), and charter vessels that do not exceed 50 feet in height above the water line.

(5) Anchorage 5. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°21'04"N./071°01'06"W., 42°21'09"N./071°01'02"W., 42°20'48"N./071°00'29"W., and 42°20'47"N./071°00'29".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of inspected and uninspected small passenger vessels (certificated by the Coast Guard under subchapters T and K of chapter I of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations), and charter vessels that do not exceed 50 feet in height above the water line.

(6) Anchorage 6. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°20'09"N./070°59'39"W., 42°20'23"N./070°59'32"W., 42°20'19"N./071°59'17"W., and 42°20'07"N./070°59'24".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels.

(7) Anchorage 7. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°20'06"N./070°59'23"W., 42°20'36"N./070°59'06"W., 42°20'34"N./070°58'31"W., and 42°20'05"N./070°58'45".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels.

(8) Anchorage 8. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°20'06"N./070°58'43"W., 42°20'35"N./070°58'28"W., 42°20'33"N./070°57'29"W., and 42°20'05"N./070°57'31".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels.

(9) Anchorage 9. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°19'45"N./070°59'55"W., 42°19'58"N./070°59'55"W., 42°19'57"N./070°58'47"W., and 42°19'44"N./070°58'47".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated as general transient anchorage for all vessels that do not exceed 50 feet in height above the water line, with no overnight anchoring. This anchorage is only applicable from 6 a.m. on June 17, 2017, until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

(10) Anchorage 10. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°19'44"N./070°58'44"W., 42°19'58"N./070°58'47"W., 42°19'55"N./070°57'28"W., and 42°19'43"N./070°57'35".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of recreational vessels with no overnight anchoring. This anchorage is only applicable from 6 a.m. on June 17, 2017, until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

(11) Anchorage 11. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°20'30"N./070°56'30"W., 42°21'58"N./070°56'05"W., and 42°21'32"N./070°55'27".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of late arriving recreational vessels and no overnight anchoring. This anchorage is only applicable from 6 a.m. on June 17, 2017, until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

(12) Anchorage 12. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°20'07"N./070°56'28"W., 42°21'43"N./070°54'51"W., 42°21'18"N./070°54'29"W., and 42°20'05"N./070°55'51".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of late arriving recreational vessels and no overnight anchoring. This anchorage is only applicable from 6 a.m. on June 17, 2017, until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

(13) Anchorage 13. (i) All waters bounded by the following coordinates: 42°19'55"N./070°56'40"W., 42°20'06"N./070°56'28"W., 42°20'05"N./070°55'51"W., and 42°19'51"N./070°56'05".

(ii) This anchorage ground is designated for the exclusive use of inspected and uninspected small passenger vessels (certificated by the Coast Guard under subchapters T and K of chapter I of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations), and charter vessels. This anchorage is only applicable from 6 a.m. on June 17, 2017, until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

(b) The regulations. The anchorages designated in paragraphs (a)(1) through (13) of this section are subject to the following regulations:

(1) General Operational Requirements for all anchorages. Vessel operators using any of the anchorages established in this section shall:

(i) Ensure their vessels are properly anchored and remain safely in position at anchor during marine events.

(ii) Vessel operators shall comply with the directions and orders of the COTP or the COTP’s representatives, upon being hailed by siren, radio, flashing lights, or other means. The COTP’s representative may be any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer or any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer who has been designated by the COTP to act on the COTP’s behalf. The COTP’s representative may be on a Coast Guard vessel, a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel, a Federal, state, or local law enforcement or safety vessel, or a location on shore.

(iii) Vacate anchorages after termination of their effective periods.

(iv) Buoy with identifiable markers and release anchors fouled on lobster trap lines if such anchors cannot be freed or raised.

(v) Display anchor lights when anchoring at night in any anchorage.

(vi) Do not leave vessels unattended in any anchorage at any time.

(vii) Do not tie off to any aid to navigation or buoy.

(ix) Maintain at least 20 feet of clearance if maneuvering between anchored vessels.

(x) Do not nest or tie off to other vessels in that anchorage.

(xi) Based on COTP approval and direction, vessels commercially engaged in the collection and legal disposal of marine sewage may operate within spectator anchorages during the applicable periods.

(2) [Reserved]

(c) Enforcement dates. This section will be enforced from 8:00 a.m. on June 16, 2017 through 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2017 unless otherwise noted.

Note 1 to § 110.T01–0949: Caution: The designated spectator anchorages in this section have not been specially surveyed or inspected and navigational charts may not
show all seabed obstructions or shallowest depths. Additionally, the anchorage areas are in areas of substantial currents. Mariners who use these temporary anchorage areas should take appropriate precautions, including using all means available to ensure vessels are not dragging anchor.

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

6. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:


7. Add § 165.T01–0949 to read as follows:

§ 165.T01–0949 Safety Zone: Sail Boston 2017; Port of Boston, MA.

(a) Location. The following are safety zones (all coordinates are NAD 1983):

(1) All navigable waters from surface to bottom, within a 100-yard radius of each participating Tall Ship while anchored in Broad Sound.

(2) All navigable waters from surface to bottom, within 1000-yards ahead and astern and 100-yards on each side of participating Tall Ships, during their transit from anchorage to mooring.

(3) All navigable waters from surface to bottom, within 25-yards surrounding participating Tall Ships while moored at various locations throughout the Port of Boston.

(4) All navigable waters from surface to bottom, bounded within the following points (NAD 83): From 42°39.00′ N, 070°26.00′ W, thence to 42°39.00′ N, 070°24.00′ W, thence to 42°38.00′ N, 070°24.00′ W, thence to 42°38.00′ N, 070°26.00′ W, thence to the first point.

(b) Regulations. While these safety zones are being enforced, the following regulations, along with those contained in 33 CFR 165.23, apply:

(1) No person or vessel may enter or remain in a safety zone without the permission of the COTP, Sector Boston or the COTP’s representative.

(2) Any person or vessel permitted to enter the safety zones shall comply with the directions and orders of the COTP or the COTP’s representative. Upon being hailed by siren, radio, flashing lights, or other means, the operator of a vessel within the zone shall proceed as directed. Any person or vessel within the security zone shall exit the zone when directed by the COTP or the COTP’s representative.

(3) To obtain permission, individuals may reach the COTP or a COTP representative via VHF channel 16 or 617–223–5757 (Sector Boston Command Center) to obtain permission.


(c) COTP Representative. The COTP’s representative may be any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer or any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer who has been designated by the COTP to act on the COTP’s behalf. The COTP’s representative may be a Coast Guard vessel, a Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel, federal, state, or local law enforcement or safety vessel, or a location on shore.

(d) Enforcement dates. Paragraph (a)(1) of this section is applicable on June 16, 2017 through June 17, 2017. Paragraph (a)(2) of this section is applicable on June 17, 2017. Paragraph (a)(3) of this section is applicable on June 17, 2017 through June 22, 2017. Paragraph (a)(4) of this section is applicable on June 22, 2017 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Note 1 to § 165.T01–0949: Boston Harbor is a NO–DISCHARGE ZONE. No-discharge zones are designated bodies of water where the discharge of all boat sewage, whether treated or not, is prohibited and a violation of federal law. Boat pumpout facilities provide a convenient way to properly dispose of boat sewage. Many of the pumpouts in this area are pumpout vessels. These vessels have the capacity to bring the pumpout to the boater. In order to facilitate compliance with this no-discharge zone, the pumpout vessels will be allowed to maneuver through the regulated zones and anchorages grounds. For additional information on complying with vessel sewage discharge regulations and using pumpout facilities see http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/coastal-water-quality/index/.


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 770
RIN 2070–AK35

Compliance Date Extension; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action on a revision to the formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products final rule, published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2016. EPA is publishing this direct final action to extend the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Title VI final rule compliance dates including: Extending the December 12, 2017 date for emission standards, recordkeeping, and labeling provisions until March 22, 2018; extending the December 12, 2018 date for import certification provisions until March 22, 2019; and extending the December 12, 2023 date for provisions applicable to producers of laminated products until March 22, 2024. Additionally, this direct final action will extend the transitional period during which the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Third Party Certifiers (TPC) may certify composite wood products under TSCA Title VI without an accreditation issued by an EPA TSCA Title VI Accreditation Body so long as the TPC remains approved by CARB, is recognized by EPA, and complies with all aspects of the December 12, 2016 final rule. Extension of these compliance dates and the transitional period for CARB TPCs adds regulatory flexibility for regulated entities, reduces compliance burdens, and helps to prevent disruptions to supply chains.

DATES: This final rule is effective on July 10, 2017 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment by June 8, 2017. If EPA receives adverse comment, the Agency will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register informing the public that this rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2017–0244, is available at http://www.regulations.gov or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566–0820. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

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