

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Parts 100 and 165****[Docket Number USCG–2026–0050]****2026 Quarterly Listings; Second Quarter; Safety Zones, Security Zones, and Special Local Regulations****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notification of expired temporary rules issued.

SUMMARY: This document provides notification of substantive rules issued by the Coast Guard that were made temporarily effective but expired before they could be published in the **Federal Register**. This document lists temporary safety zones, security zones, and special local regulations, all of limited duration and for which timely publication in the **Federal Register** was not possible. This document also announces notifications of enforcement for existing reoccurring regulations that we issued but were unable to be published before the enforcement period ended.

DATES: This document lists temporary Coast Guard rules that became effective, primarily between April 2026 and June 2026, unless otherwise indicated, and were terminated before they could be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Temporary rules listed in this document may be viewed online, under their respective docket numbers, using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this document contact Ambar Ali, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, email HQS-SMB-CG-LRA-Admin@uscg.mil, telephone (202) 372–3862.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coast Guard District Commanders and Captains of the Port (COTP) must be immediately responsive to the safety and security needs within their jurisdiction; therefore, District Commanders and COTPs have been delegated the authority to issue certain local regulations. *Safety zones* may be established for safety or environmental purposes. A safety zone may be stationary and described by fixed limits or it may be described as a zone around a vessel in motion. *Security zones* limit access to prevent injury or damage to vessels, ports, or waterfront facilities. *Special local regulations* are issued to enhance the safety of participants and spectators at regattas and other marine events.

Timely publication of these rules in the **Federal Register** may be precluded when a rule responds to an emergency, or when an event occurs without sufficient advance notice. The affected public is, however, often informed of these rules through Local Notices to Mariners, press releases, and other means. Moreover, actual notification is provided by Coast Guard patrol vessels enforcing the restrictions imposed by the rule. Timely publication of notifications of enforcement of reoccurring regulations may be precluded when the event occurs with

short notice or other agency procedural restraints.

Because **Federal Register** publication was not possible before the end of the effective period, mariners would have been notified of the contents of these safety zones, security zones, special local regulations, regulated navigation areas or drawbridge operation regulations by Coast Guard officials on-scene prior to any enforcement action. However, the Coast Guard, by law, must publish in the **Federal Register** notice of substantive rules adopted. To meet this obligation without imposing undue expense on the public, the Coast Guard periodically publishes a list of these temporary safety zones, security zones, special local regulations, regulated navigation areas and drawbridge operation regulations. Permanent rules are not included in this list because they are published in their entirety in the **Federal Register**. Temporary rules are also published in their entirety if sufficient time is available to do so before they are placed in effect or terminated. In some of our reoccurring regulations, we say we will publish a notice of enforcement as one of the means of notifying the public. We use this notification to announce those notifications of enforcement that we issued and will post them to their dockets.

The following unpublished rules were placed in effect temporarily during the period between April 2026 and June 2026. To view copies of these rules, visit www.regulations.gov and search by the docket number indicated in the following table.

Docket No.	Type	Location	Effective date
USCG–2026–0294	Safety	Houston Ship Channel and Seabrook, TX	3/22/2026
USCG–2026–0406	Safety	East Chicago, IN	4/2/2026
USCG–2026–0400	Safety	Ingleside, TX	4/3/2026
USCG–2026–0354	Safety	South Padre Island, TX	4/4/2026
USCG–2026–0353	Safety	Seabrook, TX	4/6/2026
USCG–2026–0145	Safety	Pensacola, FL	4/8/2026
USCG–2026–0410	Safety	South Padre Island, TX	4/10/2026
USCG–2026–0164	Safety	Panama City, FL	4/10/2026
USCG–2026–0358	Special Local Regulation	Annapolis, MD	4/11/2026
USCG–2026–0296	Safety	San Francisco, CA	4/11/2026
USCG–2026–0166	Special Local Regulation	Key West, FL	4/11/2026
USCG–2026–0282	Special Local Regulation	Parker, Arizona	4/11/2026
USCG–2026–0106	Security	Miami Beach, FL	4/11/2026
USCG–2026–0269	Special Local Regulation	Charleston, SC	4/15/2026
USCG–2026–0103	Safety	Clarksville, TN	4/15/2026
USCG–2026–0472	Safety	Vicksburg, MS	4/15/2026
USCG–2026–0029	Security	New Orleans, LA	4/16/2026
USCG–2026–0397	Safety	San Francisco, CA	4/18/2026
USCG–2026–0030	Safety	New Orleans, LA	4/18/2026
USCG–2026–0398	Safety	San Diego, CA	4/21/2026
USCG–2026–0473	Safety	New Orleans, LA	4/21/2026
USCG–2026–0432	Safety	Erie, PA	4/22/2026
USCG–2026–0335	Safety	Chicago, IL	4/22/2026
USCG–2026–0275	Special Local Regulation	Key West, FL	4/24/2026
USCG–2026–0281	Special Local Regulation	Lake Havasu, AZ	4/24/2026

Docket No.	Type	Location	Effective date
USCG–2026–0417	Special Local Regulation	Wyandotte, MI	4/25/2026
USCG–2026–0289	Special Local Regulation	Brusly, LA	4/25/2026
USCG–2026–0426	Safety	Ashtabula, OH	4/25/2026
USCG–2026–0346	Special Local Regulation	San Francisco, CA	4/26/2026
USCG–2026–0345	Special Local Regulation	San Francisco, CA	4/26/2026
USCG–2026–0600	Special Local Regulation	San Francisco, CA	4/26/2026
USCG–2026–0490	Safety	Covington, KY	4/30/2026
USCG–2026–0538	Safety	George, Pierson, FL	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0481	Safety	Parker, AZ	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0429	Special Local Regulation	Charlotte Amalie Harbor, St. Thomas	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0169	Special Local Regulation	San Diego, CA	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0500	Special Local Regulation	Seattle, WA	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0501	Special Local Regulation	Seattle, Washington	5/2/2026
USCG–2026–0549	Security	Cincinnati, OH	5/5/2026
USCG–2026–0284	Safety	Jacksonville, FL	5/16/2026
USCG–2026–0332	Safety	Paris, TN	5/20/2026
USCG–2026–0422	Safety	San Francisco, CA	5/21/2026
USCG–2026–0592	Security	New Orleans, LA	5/24/2026
USCG–2026–0434	Safety	Beaufort, SC	5/24/2026
USCG–2026–0622	Special	Louisville, KY	5/25/2026
USCG–2026–0688	Safety	Port Lake, Michigan	5/31/2026
USCG–2026–0631	Safety	Baldwin, LA	6/2/2026
USCG–2026–0597	Safety	St. Petersburg, FL	6/4/2026
USCG–2026–0285	Special	Lower Township, NJ	6/7/2026
USCG–2026–0333	Safety	Ledbetter, KY	6/14/2026
USCG–2026–0765	Safety	Lower Mississippi River, LA	6/14/2026
USCG–2026–0425	Special	Newport, RI	6/19/2026
USCG–2026–0799	Safety	Sandusky, OH	6/19/2026
USCG–2026–0533	Safety	Lake City, MN	6/26/2026
USCG–2026–0871	Safety	Chicago, IL	6/30/2026
USCG–2026–0697	Safety	Key West, FL	7/4/2026

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

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Rescission of Outdated Veterans Choice Program Regulations

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is rescinding obsolete regulations that were previously implemented for the Veterans Choice Program, which has been replaced by the Veterans Community Care Program as of June 6, 2019.

DATES: This rule is effective on August 27, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Historically, section 1703 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) was the primary statutory authority that authorized VA to provide care in the community. In 2014, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) (the Choice Act) established an additional authority that became VA's primary mechanism to provide such care. The care provided under the Choice Act was referred to as the Veterans Choice Program. VA implemented this authority in regulation at 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.1500 through 17.1540.

On June 6, 2018, the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act was signed into law. Section 101 of the MISSION Act amended 38 U.S.C. 1703 and created a new Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP) which, among other things, replaced the Veterans Choice Program. On June 6, 2019, the VCCP became the primary authority under which VA would authorize covered veterans to receive community care through eligible entities or providers. The Veterans Choice Program's statutory authority expired

pursuant to section 143 of the MISSION Act on June 6, 2019 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

When VA implemented the MISSION Act, VA created new regulations to implement VCCP. See 84 FR 26278, 26307 (June 6, 2019), 38 CFR 17.4000 through 17.4040. In that rulemaking, VA did not remove the Veterans Choice Program regulations, §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540. See 84 FR 26278, 26307. Although the authority to furnish new episodes of care through the Veterans Choice Program expired as of June 6, 2019, there were some provisions in the Veterans Choice Program regulations (such as those provisions related to payment rates and limits on authorized care) that needed to stay in effect for the resolution of claims arising from the Veterans Choice Program that were still in process after June 6, 2019, for episodes of care performed under the Veterans Choice Program prior to June 6, 2019. See 84 FR 5630 (February 22, 2019). Therefore, VA made conforming amendments only, and provisions related to payment rates and limits on authorized care remained in effect for the resolution of those claims. VA noted in that rulemaking that further amendments to the existing regulations would be needed in the future to repeal and remove references to the regulations