approximate center points of the two new bridge piers): (1) 47°15′54.08″ North; 122°32′49.65" West; and (2) 47°16′15.07" North; 122°33′15.95" West [Datum: NAD 1983].

(b) Regulations. In accordance with the general regulations in 33 CFR Part 165, Subpart C, this Temporary Final Rule applies to any person or vessel in the navigable waters of the United States. No person or vessel may enter or remain in the above safety zones, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representatives. Vessels and persons granted authorization to enter the safety zone shall obey all lawful orders or directions of the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

(c) Applicable dates. This section applies from August 6, 2003 through February 6, 2004.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Danny Ellis,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Puget Sound.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND **SECURITY**

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Wilmington 03-117]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone: Boque Sound, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is enacting

a temporary Safety Zone in the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) in the vicinity of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC. Naval gunfire will be conducted crossing the AICW from offshore in the vicinity of N-1/BT3 impact area and impacting areas in Camp Lejeune during dates and times as specified below. This safety zone is needed to ensure the safety of persons and vessels operating on the AICW in this area during the specified periods. Entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his/her designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 12 p.m. on August 15, 2003 to 4 p.m. on August 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket COTP

Wilmington 03-117 and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Wilmington, 721 Medical Center Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LCDR Chuck Roskam, Chief, Port Operations, USCG Marine Safety Office Wilmington, telephone number (910) 772-2207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM and for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Publishing an NPRM and delaying the effective date of this rule would be contrary to the public interest since immediate action is necessary to minimize potential danger to the public and required to ensure the safety or persons and vessels operating on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) in this area at the times specified. Advanced notice was not received from the originator that would have allowed publication to occur in the Federal Register.

Background and Purpose

Naval gunfire will be conducted crossing the AICW and impacting areas in Camp Lejeune from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 15, 19 & 20, 2003. The safety zone is in effect to ensure the safety of persons and vessels operating on the AICW in this area.

Discussion of Rule

The safety zone will cover the AICW extending from Bogue Sound-New River Daybeacon 58 (LLNR 39210) southeast to Bogue Sound-New River Light 64 (LLNR 39230). This safety zone will be in effect to ensure the safety of persons and vessels operating on the AICW in this area. Entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his/her designated representative. A Coast Guard or U.S. Navy vessel will patrol each end of the safety zone to ensure that the public is aware that the firing exercises are in progress and that the firing area is clear of traffic before firing commences.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory

Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not "significant" under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This rule only affects a small portion, less than two miles, of the AICW in North Carolina for a limited time. The regulations have been tailored in scope to impose the least impact on maritime interests, yet provide the level of safety necessary for such an event.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we have considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the AICW from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 15, 19 & 20, 2003. The Coast Guard expects a minimal economic impact on a substantial number of small entities due to this rule because little commercial traffic transits this area of the AICW.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small **Business Regulatory Enforcement** Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121). we offered to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. Small Entities requesting guidance or exemption from this rule may contact LCDR Chuck Roskam, Chief, Port Operations, USCG Marine Safety Office Wilmington at (910) 772-

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).

Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

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 or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not affect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

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.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a "significant energy action" under that Order because it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.lD. which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have concluded that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2-1, paragraph (34)(g), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. A final "Environmental Analysis Check List" and a final "Categorical Exclusion Determination" are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 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 part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add temporary section § 165.T05—117 to read as follows:

§165.T05–117 Safety Zone: Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Bogue Sound-New River, Daybeacon 58 (LLNR 39210) southeast to Bogue Sound—New River Light 64 (LLNR 39230).

(a) Location. The following area is a safety zone: the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) extending from Bogue Sound-New River Daybeacon 58 (LLNR 39210) southeast to Bogue Sound-New River Light 64 (LLNR 39230), Nautical Chart 11541, Intracoastal Waterway—NC—Neuse River to Myrtle Grove Sound.

(b) Definition. Captain of the Port means the Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Office Wilmington, North Carolina, or any Coast Guard Commissioned, Warrant, or Petty Officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port to act on his/her behalf.

(c) Enforcement periods. This section will be effective from 12 p.m. on August 15, 2003 through 4 p.m. on August 20, 2003. This section will be enforced from 12 p.m. through 4 p.m. on August 15, 2003 and August 19 through August 20, 2003.

(d) Regulations. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port. All vessel movement within the safety zone will be prohibited except as specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port. The general requirements of § 165.23 also apply to this regulation.

(2) Red warning flags or red warning lights will be displayed on towers located at both ends of the safety zone while firing exercises are in progress. The flags or lights will be displayed by 8 a.m. each day that this section is in effect, and will be removed at the end of firing exercises.

(3) A Coast Guard or Navy vessel will patrol each end of the safety zone to ensure the public is aware that firing exercises are in progress and that the firing area is clear of vessel traffic before weapons are fired.

(4) Vessels requiring entry into or passage through any portion of the Safety Zone must first request authorization from the Captain of the Port or the Coast Guard or U.S. Navy vessel on-scene. The Captain of the Port can be contacted at telephone number 1-(800) 325–4965. The Coast Guard or U.S. Navy vessel may be contacted by radio on VHF Marine Band Radio, channels 13 (156.65 MHz) and 16 (156.8 MHz).

(e) The Captain of the Port will notify the public of changes in the status of this Safety Zone by Marine Safety Radio Broadcast on VHF Marine Band Radio, Channel 22 (157.1 MHz). Dated: August 4, 2003.

Jane M. Hartley,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Wilmington, NC.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Parts 1 and 2 [Docket No. 2003-T-024]

RIN 0651-AB68

Reorganization of Correspondence and Other General Provisions

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") is amending its rules to separate the provisions for patent matters and trademark matters with respect to filing correspondence, requesting copies of documents, payment of fees, and general information. Specifically, the Office is amending its Rules of Practice in Patent Cases to delete all references to trademark matters, and amending its Rules of Practice in Trademark Cases to add new rules setting forth provisions for corresponding with and paying fees to the Office in trademark cases, and for requesting copies of trademark documents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Hannon, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, by telephone at (703) 308–8910, ext. 137; by e-mail to mary.hannon@uspto.gov; by facsimile transmission addressed to her at (703) 872–9280; or by mail marked to her attention and addressed to Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office is amending its rules to separate the provisions for patent and trademark matters with respect to correspondence, requesting copies of documents, payment of fees, and general information. Specifically, the Office is (1) amending 37 CFR Part 1 to delete all references to trademarks, and (2) amending 37 CFR Part 2 to add new rules setting forth provisions for corresponding with and paying fees to the Office in trademark cases, and for requesting copies of trademark documents.

Discussion of Specific Rules

The Office is amending rules 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.8, 1.10, 1.12, 1.13, 1.22, 1.26, 2.1, 2.2, 2.6, and 2.123; and adding new rules 2.190, 2.191, 2.192, 2.193, 2.194, 2.195, 2.196, 2.197, 2.198, 2.200, 2.201, 2.206, 2.207, 2.208, and 2.209.

The Office is removing § 1.1(a)(2), amending § 1.1(a) to delete reference to § 1.1(a)(2), amending § 1.1(a)(4) to delete reference to trademark-related documents, and revising the note following § 1.1(f) to delete the reference to "trademark cases."

The Office is removing and reserving § 1.4(d)(1)(iii), amending § 1.4(d)(1)(ii) to change a semicolon to a period, and amending §§ 1.4(a)(1), (a)(2), (b) and (d)(1) to delete references to trademark applications, trademark registrations, and trademark filings.

The Office is removing and reserving § 1.5(c).

The Office is removing and reserving §§ 1.6(a)(4), (d)(7) and (d)(8), and revising §§ 1.6(d), (d)(3), and (d)(4) to delete all references to trademark matters.

The Office is removing and reserving § 1.8(a)(2)(ii).

The Office is amending § 1.10(a) to delete all references to trademark correspondence.

The Office is amending § 1.12(a) to delete all references to trademark assignments.

The Office is amending § 1.13 to delete all references to copies of trademark documents.

The Office is amending § 1.22 to delete all references to trademark fees and trademark registration files.

The Office is amending § 1.26(a) to delete the reference to trademark filing.

The Office is removing and reserving § 2.1, which provides that §§ 1.1 to 1.26 of this chapter apply to trademark cases.

The Office is amending § 2.2 to add definitions of "Director," "Office," "TEAS," and "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia."

The Office is adding a new § 2.6(b)(12), requiring a fee for processing any payment refused or charged back by a financial institution. This is consistent with current § 1.21(m).

The Office is adding a new § 2.6(b)(13), setting forth the fee for establishing a deposit account, and a service charge for each month when the balance at the end of the month is below \$1,000. This is consistent with current §§ 1.21(b)(1) and (2).

The Office is amending § 2.123(f)(2) to change a cross-reference.

The Office is adding a new § 2.190, setting forth the addresses for trademark

correspondence. This is consistent with current §§ 1.1(a)(2) and 1.1(a)(4).

The Office is adding a new § 2.191, providing that business with the Office must be transacted in writing, and that no attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding. This is consistent with current § 1.2.

The Office is adding a new § 2.192, providing that business must be conducted with decorum and courtesy. This is consistent with current § 1.3.

The Office is adding a new § 2.193, setting forth the requirements for correspondence and signatures in trademark cases. This is consistent with current § 1.4.

The Office is adding a new § 2.194, setting forth the requirements for identifying correspondence relating to trademark applications and registrations. This is consistent with current § 1.5.

The Office is adding a new § 2.195, setting forth the procedures for according filing dates in trademark cases. This is consistent with current § 1.6.

The Office is adding a new § 2.196, providing that when the last day for taking an action or paying a fee falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken or fee may be paid on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia. This is consistent with current § 1.7.

The Office is adding a new § 2.197, setting forth the requirements and procedures for filing a document under a certificate of mailing or certificate of transmission. This is consistent with current § 1.8.

Section 2.197(b) requires that if correspondence is timely mailed or transmitted, but not received in the Office, the party who filed the correspondence must inform the Office of the timely mailing or transmission within two months after becoming aware that the Office has no evidence of receipt of the correspondence. This does not change current practice. While current § 1.8(b)(1) requires that the party inform the Office of the timely mailing or transmission "promptly," § 2.146(d) requires that a petition for revival or reinstatement in a trademark case be filed within two months of the date that the party who filed the correspondence became aware that there was a problem with the filing date of the correspondence, unless a different deadline is specified elsewhere in the rules. Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure §§ 305.02(f), 306.05(d) and 1705.04.