Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense certifies that this Privacy Act rule for the Department of Defense does not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it is concerned only with the administration of Privacy Act systems of records within the Department of Defense.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

The Director, Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense certifies that this Privacy Act proposed rule for the Department of Defense imposes no information requirements beyond the Department of Defense and that the information collected within the Department of Defense is necessary and consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552a, known as the Privacy Act of 1974.

## List of Subjects in 32 CFR part 311

Privacy.

Accordingly, 32 CFR part 311 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 311 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 93-579, 88 Stat 1896 (5 U.S.C.552a).

2. In Section 311.7, add a new paragraph (c)(8) as follows:

#### § 311.7 Procedures for exemptions. \*

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(c) Specific exemptions. \* \* \*

(8) System identifier and name-DWHS P29, Personnel Security Adjudications

Exemption. Portions of this system of records that fall within the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5) may be exempt from the following subsections (d)(1) through (d)(5).

Authority. 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5).

Reasons. From (d)(1) through (d)(5) because the agency is required to protect the confidentiality of sources who furnished information to the Government under an expressed promise of confidentiality or, prior to September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence. This confidentiality is needed to maintain the Government's continued access to information from persons who otherwise might refuse to give it. This exemption is limited to disclosures that would reveal the identity of a confidential source. At the time of the request for a record, a determination will be made concerning whether a right, privilege, or benefit is denied or

specific information would reveal the identity of a source.

Dated: June 1, 1995.

#### L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense [FR Doc. 95-14582 Filed 6-13-95; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5000-04-F

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Coast Guard** 

33 CFR Part 1

[CGD 94-105]

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## **Coast Guard Rulemaking Procedures**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is proposing to revise the regulations describing its rulemaking procedures to provide for a "direct final rule" process for use with noncontroversial rules. Under the direct final rule procedure, a rule would become effective 60 days after publication in the Federal Register unless the Coast Guard receives written adverse comment within thirty days. This new procedure should expedite the promulgation of routine, noncontroversial rules by reducing the time necessary to develop, review, clear, and publish separate proposed and final rules.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 14, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406) (CGD 94-105), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT R. Goldberg, Staff Attorney, Regulations and Administrative Law Division, Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, (202) 267-6004.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## **Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD 94-105) and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments.

This rulemaking informs the public of the Coast Guard's intention to use direct final rulemaking in appropriate cases. Since this rulemaking would not impose any substantive requirements on the public, a comment period of 30 days is considered sufficient. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the Marine Safety Council at the address under ADDRESSES. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information: The principal persons involved in drafting this document are LT R. Goldberg, Project Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, and CDR T. Cahill, Project Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

# **Discussion of Proposed Rules**

The Coast Guard is proposing to establish a new direct final rulemaking procedure for noncontroversial rules. This process is consistent with the goals of the National Performance Review, a recent Presidential initiative to reorganize and streamline the Federal government. The process is also consistent with recommendations of the Administrative Conference of the United States and meets the requirements for providing an opportunity for public notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553).

Under this procedure, the Coast Guard would publish direct final rules in the final rule section of the Federal **Register**. The preamble to a direct final rule would indicate that no adverse