



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

14 CFR Part 1217

Duty Free Entry of Space Articles

RIN: 2700-AD99

[Docket No. NASA-2015-0006]

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule makes non-substantive changes to correct citations and office titles. The revisions to this rule are part of NASA's retrospective plan completed in August 2011 under Executive Order (EO) 13563.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Comments due on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. If adverse comments are received, NASA will publish a timely withdrawal of the rule in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified with RIN 2700-AD99 and may be sent to NASA via the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Please note that NASA will post all comments on the Internet with changes, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Salvas, 202-358-2330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Direct Final Rule Adverse Comments:

NASA has determined this rulemaking meets the criteria for a direct final rule because it involves non-substantive changes to correct citations and office titles in 14 CFR part 1217. No opposition to the changes and

no significant adverse comments are expected. However, if the Agency receives a significant adverse comment, it will withdraw this direct final rule by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. A significant adverse comment is one that explains: (1) Why the direct final rule is inappropriate, including challenges to the rule's underlying premise or approach; or (2) why the direct final rule will be ineffective or unacceptable without a change. In determining whether a comment necessitates withdrawal of this direct final rule, NASA will consider whether it warrants a substantive response in a notice and comment process.

Background

Part 1217 was last amended February 12, 1997, [62 FR 6467] to extend and expand NASA's authority with respect to duty-free imports of articles for use by NASA and for the implementation of its international programs, as prescribed by Presidential Proclamation 6780 issued March 23, 1995 [60 FR 15845]. The Part is being amended to correct citations and office titles. The revisions to this rule are part of NASA's retrospective plan completed in August 2011 under Executive Order (EO) 13563. NASA's full plan can be accessed on the Agency's open Government Web site at <http://www.nasa.gov/feature/compliance-and-other-documents>.

Statutory Authority:

The National Aeronautics and Space Act (the Space Act), 51 U.S.C. 20113 (a), authorizes the Administrator of NASA to make, promulgate, issue, rescind, and amend rules and regulations governing the manner of its operations and the exercise of the powers vested in it by law.

Regulatory Analysis

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563, Improvement

Regulation and Regulation Review

Executive Orders 13563 and 12866 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). EO

13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits of reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. This rule has been designated as “not significant” under section 3(f) of EO 12866.

Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 USC 601 et seq.) requires an agency to prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis to be published at the time the proposed rule is published. This requirement does not apply if the agency “certifies that the rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities” (5 USC 603). This rule revises subpart 1 to correct citations and office titles.

Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

This direct final rule does not contain any information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Review Under EO 13132

EO 13132, “Federalism,” 64 FR 43255 (August 4, 1999) requires regulations be reviewed for Federalism effects on the institutional interest of states and local governments, and if the effects are sufficiently substantial, preparation of the Federal assessment is required to assist senior policy makers. The amendments will not have any substantial direct effects on state and local governments within the meaning of the EO. Therefore, no Federalism assessment is required.

List of subjects in 14 CFR part 1217:

Custom duties and inspection, space transportation and exploration.

Accordingly, under the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Act, as amended, NASA amends 14 CFR part 1217 as follows:

PART 1217—DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF SPACE ARTICLES

1. The authority citation for part 1217 is revised as follows:

Authority: 51 U.S.C. 20113; Proclamation No. 6780 of March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15845.

2. In 1217.103, revise paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) to read as follows:

§1217.103 Authority to certify.

(a)***

(1) The NASA Assistant Administrator for Procurement is authorized to issue the certification for articles imported into the United States which are procured by NASA or by other U.S. Government agencies, or by U.S. Government contractors or subcontractors when title to the articles is or will be vested in the U.S. Government pursuant to the terms of the contract or subcontract. Requests for certification should be sent to: Office of Procurement, Attn: Director, Contract and Grant Policy Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546.

(2) The NASA Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations is authorized to issue the certification for articles imported into the United States pursuant to international agreements. Requests for certification should be sent to: Office of International and Interagency Relations, Attn: Director, Export Control and Interagency Liaison Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546.

(3) The NASA Associate Administrator for Human Exploration and Operations is authorized to issue the certification for articles imported into the United States by persons or entities under agreements other than those identified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section, including launch services agreements. Requests for certification should be sent to: Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, Attn: Director, International Space Station Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546.

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