

Orange, MA, Orange Muni, GPS RWY 32, Orig
 Jackson, MS, Hawkins Field, GPS RWY 16, Orig
 Jackson, MS, Hawkins Field, GPS RWY 34, Orig
 Forsyth, MT, Tillitt Field, GPS RWY 26, Orig
 Rochester, NY, Greater Rochester International, GPS RWY 10, Orig
 Lebanon, TN, Lebanon Muni, GPS RWY 19, Orig

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14 CFR Parts 119, 121, and 135

[Docket No. 28154; Amendments Nos. 119-2, 121-256, 135-65 and SFAR 38-13]

RIN 2120-AG03

Operating Requirements: Domestic Flag, Supplemental, Commuter, and On-Demand Operations: Corrections and Editorial Changes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final rule published in the Federal Register on June 14, 1996 (61 FR 30432). The final rule adopted changes that were editorial or typographical in nature in parts 119, 121, and 135. The changes were necessary to correct errors or clarify the intent of the regulations published in December 20, 1996 (60 FR 65832).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Correction of Publication

In rule document 96-14565, on page 30432, in the issue of Friday, June 14, 1996, make the following correction:

On page 30432, in the first column, in the heading, Amendment No. "121-259" should read "121-256", and SFAR 38-13 should be added to the heading.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 1, 1996.

Joseph A. Conte,

Acting Chief Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Consular Affairs

22 CFR Part 41

[Public Notice 2409]

VISAS: Passports and Visas Not Required for Certain Nonimmigrants

AGENCY: Bureau of Consular Affairs, DOS.

ACTION: Interim Rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim rule amends part 41, title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations concerning visas for nonimmigrants pursuant to section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1187, as amended. Section 217, as amended, extends the Visa Waiver Pilot Program to nationals of all countries that qualify under the provisions of the Pilot Program and which are designated by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General as countries whose nationals benefit from the waiver of the nonimmigrant B-1/B-2 visa requirement. This amendment extends the Visa Waiver Pilot Program to Argentina, which has met all of the requirements for the Program.

DATES: This interim rule is effective July 8, 1996. Written comments are invited and must be received on or before August 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted, in duplicate, to the Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-0113.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen K. Fischel, Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Office, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0113 (202) 663-1204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This interim rule amends Part 41, Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations concerning visas for nonimmigrants pursuant to section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1187, as amended by Pub. L. 103-415, 108 Stat. 4299, October 25, 1994 and Pub. L. 103-416, 108 Stat. 4305, October 25, 1994.

Section 313 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Pub. L. 99-603, added section 217 to the INA. Section 217, 8 U.S.C. 1187, established the nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Pilot Program (VWPP) which waives the nonimmigrant visa requirement for the admission of certain aliens into the United States for a period not to exceed ninety days. That original provision authorized the participation

of eight countries in the VWPP to be designated by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, acting jointly through their designees. These original qualifying countries included: France; the Federal Republic of Germany; Italy; Japan, the Netherlands; Sweden; Switzerland; and the United Kingdom. [See Federal Register publications 53 FR 24903-24904, June 30, 1988; 53 FR 50161-50162, December 13, 1988; and 54 FR 27120-27121, June 27, 1989.]

Pub. L. 103-415 amended section 217 of the INA to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program (VWPP) through September 30, 1995. Pub. L. 103-416 amended section 217 of the INA to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program to September 30, 1996, and to create a new probationary status for certain countries which meet the requirements for that status under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program and which are designated by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, acting jointly, as countries whose nationals benefit from the waiver of the nonimmigrant B-1/B-2 visa requirement.

On November 29, 1990, the President approved the Immigration Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-649, 104 Stat. 4978) [IA]. Section 201 thereof revised the Visa Waiver Pilot Program set forth in section 313 of IRCA (Sec. 217 INA, 8 U.S.C. 1187). It removed the eight-country cap and extended its provisions to all countries that meet the qualifying provisions of the Visa Waiver Pilot Program and are designated by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General as Pilot Program countries thereunder.

Effective October 1, 1991, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, and Spain, having met all of the requirements for participants in the nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Pilot Program, were added as participants in the Program. [See 56 FR 46716-46717, September 13, 1991.] Brunei was designated as a participant in the Visa Waiver Pilot Program by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, acting jointly through their designees, in an interim rule published at 58 FR 40581-40586 of the Federal Register of July 26, 1993. On March 28, 1995 the interim rule published at 59 FR 15872-15873 added Ireland as a Visa Waiver Pilot Program country with probationary status.

Each of the above rules amended 22 CFR 41.2. This interim rule, with request for comments, further amends Part 41, Title 22 to include Argentina as a Visa Waiver Pilot Program country

since it meets the requirements for that status under INA 217, as amended.

Argentina does not require visas for nationals of the United States entering for ninety (90) days or less. Thus it meets the requirement of providing reciprocal treatment for United States nationals. Other requirements are that the country meet statutorily prescribed limits on visa refusal rates for the prior two year period as well as the prior year; that it meet statutorily prescribed limits on rates of exclusion at port of entry and on overstay limits, and that it have a machine readable passport program. Argentina meets these additional requirements. Argentina is, therefore, added effective July 8, 1996 as a participating country in the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. (See the Immigration and Naturalization Service rule also published in this issue of the Federal Register.) Therefore, effective on the publication date of this interim rule, citizens of Argentina shall be eligible for participation in the Visa Waiver Pilot Program.

Interim Rule

The implementation of this rule as an interim rule, with a 30-day provision for post-promulgation public comments, is based upon the "good cause" exceptions established by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(3). This rule grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1) and is considered beneficial to both the traveling public and United States businesses. Therefore, it is being made effective thirty days after publication in the Federal Register. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 605(b) [Regulatory Flexibility Act], it is certified that this rule does not have a "significant adverse economic impact" on a substantial number of small entities, because it is inapplicable. This rule is exempt from E.O. 12866, but has been coordinated with the Immigration and Naturalization Service because joint action of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General is required under section 217 of the INA, as amended. The rule imposes no reporting or record-keeping action from the public requiring the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements. This rule has been reviewed as required by E.O. 12988 and is certified to be in compliance therewith.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Nonimmigrants, Visas, Passports, Temporary Visitors, Waivers.

In view of the foregoing, 22 CFR Part 41 is amended as follows:

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 41 continues to read:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104, 66 Stat. 174; 8 U.S.C. 1187, 108 Stat. 4312 and 4313.

2. In § 41.2 the last sentence of paragraph (l)(2) is amended by removing the period and adding the following text at the end of the sentence:

§ 41.2 Waiver by Secretary of State and Attorney General of passport and/or visa requirements for certain categories of nonimmigrants.

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(l) Visa Waiver Pilot Program. * * * ; and Argentina July 8, 1996.

Dated: July 13, 1996.
Mary A. Ryan,
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

23 CFR Part 630

[FHWA Docket No. 94-30]

RIN 2125-AD43

Federal-Aid Project Authorization

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is amending its regulation on Federal-aid program approval and project authorization. In light of changes made by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, in the area of statewide planning and transportation improvement programs, and the joint FHWA/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations implementing those changes, this regulation removes the obsolete project programming provisions from this part. This regulation provides more flexible funding arrangements and a more flexible Federal-aid authorization process. Changes contained in related laws are included.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective August 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Wasley, Office of Engineering, 202-366-4658, or Wilbert Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, 202-366-0780, FHWA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Office Hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendments in this final rule are based primarily on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published in the February 17, 1995, Federal Register at 60 FR 9306 (FHWA Docket No. 94-30). All comments received in response to this NPRM have been considered in adopting these amendments.

The initiation of work for transportation projects funded under the Federal-aid highway program is a two-step process. First, the State, in cooperation and consultation with local officials, as appropriate, through the metropolitan and statewide planning process, determines activities which will be advanced with Federal funds made available under title 23, United States Code, and the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. 5301-5338) and develops a Statewide program of projects for these activities. Prior to passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914) (ISTEA), the requirements for developing the program of projects were found in 23 U.S.C. 105 and the implementing regulations in 23 CFR part 630, subpart A. With passage of the ISTEA, title 23, U.S.C., was modified and the new requirements concerning development of a program of projects, now referred to as the Statewide transportation improvement program, are contained in 23 U.S.C. 135. The implementing regulation for this section is in 23 CFR part 450 and was initiated through previous rulemaking actions.

Accordingly, those requirements pertaining to a program of projects in 23 CFR part 630, subpart A, no longer need to be retained. This final rule therefore eliminates these programming references.

The second step in initiation of work is the project authorization process. The State highway agency (SHA) requests FHWA authorization to proceed with a proposed Federal-aid highway project. The FHWA authorization commits the Federal government to participate in the funding of a project, except in those instances where the State requests FHWA authorization without the commitment of Federal funds. In addition, FHWA authorization also establishes a point in time after which costs incurred on a project are eligible for Federal participation. The requirements covering project authorization are contained in this final rule. The following is a section-by-section analysis of the amendments