

SUMMARY: This rule eliminates the extended visa validity benefit for certain aliens who qualified under section 154 of the Immigration Act of 1990, (IMMACT 90). Section 154 of IMMACT 90 permitted certain aliens resident in Hong Kong to extend the validity of their immigrant visa up to January 1, 2002. Since this extension can no longer be granted, the Department is removing this provision from the regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Chavez, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visas Services, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-0106, by fax to 202-663-3898 or by e-mail to chavezpr@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Aliens Entitled to Extended Visa Validity Under Section 154 of IMMACT 90

On January 30, 1991, the Department published a proposed rule (56 FR 3427) which amended 22 CFR 42.72 by adding a new paragraph (e) which entitled certain residents of Hong Kong who qualified for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 124 of IMMACT 90 to request extended visa validity until January 1, 2002. The Department finalized this rule (56 FR 32322) and it took effect on July 16, 1991. Since this benefit no longer exists, the Department is amending the regulation by removing paragraph (e).

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 42

Aliens, Immigrants, Passports and Visas.

In view of the reasons set forth above, 22 CFR part 42 is amended as follows:

PART 42—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 42 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104.

§ 42.72 [Amended]

2. Remove paragraph (e) of § 42.72.

Dated: January 30, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 42

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[Public Notice 4312]

Documentation of Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended—Immediate Relatives

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On January 11, 2002 the Department published an interim rule that expanded the definition of immediate relative to include the widows and children whose spouses/parents were victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. This rule makes final the interim rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule takes effect March 20, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 423 of Public Law 107-56 (the “USA Patriot Act”) provided for immediate relative status for spouses of U.S. citizens widowed as a direct result of the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, regardless of the length of the marriage, and provided that the spouse was not legally separated at the time of the citizens death and files a petition within two years of the death, having not remarried in the interim. Children of a U.S. citizen killed in one of the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 may also file a petition for status as an immediate relative, provided the petition is filed within two years of the death of the parent, and regardless of the age of the child or marital status.

Final Rule

On January 11, 2002, the Department published an interim rule [67 FR 1414] which amended 22 CFR 42.21. The rule solicited comments, however, no comments were received. This rule, therefore, makes final the interim rule with no revisions. Since no changes are being made to the interim rule, the Department does not feel it necessary to publish the regulation in full herein. The interim rule is adopted as final without changes.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Severn River, College Creek, and Weems Creek, Annapolis, Maryland

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of implementation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is implementing the special local regulations for the 24th Annual Safety at Sea Seminar, a marine event to be held March 29, 2003, on the waters of the Severn River at Annapolis, Maryland. These special local regulations are necessary to control vessel traffic due to the confined nature of the waterway and expected vessel congestion during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of spectators and vessels transiting the event area.

DATES: 33 CFR 100.518 is effective from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R.L. Houck, Marine Information Specialist, Commander, Coast Guard Activities Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21226-1971, (410) 576-2674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron will sponsor the 24th Annual Safety at Sea Seminar on the waters of the Severn River, near the entrance to College Creek at Annapolis, Maryland. Waterborne activities will include exposure suit and life raft demonstrations, a pyrotechnics live-fire exercise, and a helicopter rescue. In order to ensure the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.518 will be in effect for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.518, vessels may not enter the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel. Because these restrictions will only be