

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The Manager, Ft. Worth Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Ft. Worth ACO.

**Note:** This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Andy McAnaul, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Fort Worth Airplane Certification Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0150; telephone: (817) 222-5156; facsimile: (817) 222-5960.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Air Tractor, Inc., P.O. Box 485, Olney, Texas 76374. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 20, 2002.

**Michael Gallagher,**

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

[FR Doc. 02-32685 Filed 12-26-02; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4910-13-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, 7 and 13

[Notice No. 964; Ref: T.D. ATF-483, Notice No. 954]

RIN 1512-AC87

#### Organic Claims in Labeling and Advertising of Alcohol Beverages (2002R-288P)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** ATF reopens the comment period for Notice No. 954, a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 2002. The proposed rule would amend our alcohol labeling and advertising rules to cross-reference the United States Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program rules. We are acting on a request to extend the comment period in order to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to respond to the issues raised in the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments to any of the following addresses:

- Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221 (Attn: Notice No. 954);
- 202-927-8525 (Facsimile);
- [nprm@atfhq.atf.treas.gov](mailto:nprm@atfhq.atf.treas.gov) (E-mail);
- <http://www.atf.treas.gov> (A comment form is available with the online copy of this notice.)

You may view copies of the temporary regulations, the notice of proposed rulemaking, the request for extension, and any comments received on the notice by appointment at the ATF Reference Library, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, or at <http://www.atf.treas.gov> with the online copy of Notice No. 954.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Evanchec, Alcohol Labeling and Formulation Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226; telephone 202-927-8140; e-mail [RJEvanchec@atfhq.atf.treas.gov](mailto:RJEvanchec@atfhq.atf.treas.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On October 8, 2002, ATF published a temporary rule (T.D. ATF-483, 67 FR

62856) to amend the alcohol labeling and advertising rules to cross-reference the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) rules, which took effect October 21, 2002. Any alcohol beverage labeled or advertised with an organic claim must comply with both NOP rules administered by USDA and the applicable rules administered by ATF.

At the same time, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (Notice No. 954, 67 FR 62860) to solicit comments on the temporary rule. The original comment period for Notice No. 954 closed on December 9, 2002.

Before the close of the original comment period, ATF received a request from the Wine Institute, a trade association, to extend the comment period for an additional 90 days. The Wine Institute, representing producers of 90% of the wine made in California, requested the extension in order to provide thoroughly researched comments that have been fully discussed among their members.

In consideration of the above, ATF finds that a reopening of the comment period is warranted.

#### Public Participation

See the "Public Participation" section of Notice No. 954 for detailed instructions on submitting and reviewing comments. Comments received on or before the new closing date will be carefully considered.

ATF will not recognize any submitted material as confidential and comments may be disclosed to the public. Any material that the commenter considers confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comments. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

#### Drafting Information

Marjorie Ruhf of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, drafted this notice.

#### List of Subjects

##### 27 CFR Part 4

Advertising, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade practices, Wine.

##### 27 CFR Part 5

Advertising, Consumer protection, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers.

*27 CFR Part 7*

Advertising, Beer, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade practices.

*27 CFR Part 13*

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Labeling.

**Authority and Issuance**

Notice No. 954 was issued under the authority of 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: December 18, 2002.

**Bradley A. Buckles,**

*Director.*

[FR Doc. 02-32614 Filed 12-26-02; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4810-31-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD01-02-143]

RIN 2115-AE47

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations;  
Jamaica Bay and Connecting  
Waterways, NY**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to temporarily change the drawbridge operating regulations governing the operation of the New York City highway bridge, at mile 0.8, across Mill Basin on Belt Parkway at New York City, New York. This temporary rule would allow the bridge to remain closed to vessel traffic from 7 a.m. on February 24, 2003 through 5 p.m. on April 14, 2003. This action is necessary to facilitate the installation of median safety barriers at the bridge.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before January 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District Bridge Branch, at 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA. 02110-3350, or deliver them to the same address between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except, Federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223-8364. The First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for

inspection or copying at the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, (212) 668-7165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Regulatory Information**

The Coast Guard has determined that good cause exists under the Administrative Procedure Act 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) for a shortened comment period of thirty days and for making this rule effective less than thirty days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The Coast Guard believes this is reasonable because the work scheduled at the bridge should be conducted between February and April to take advantage of the time period when the bridge has the fewest number of opening requests. The Coast Guard believes that any delay encountered in this regulation's effective date would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest because the work to be performed under this temporary rule is necessary safety modifications that are scheduled to be performed when the bridge receives the fewest number of opening requests.

**Request for Comments**

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments or related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD01-02-143), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know if they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

**Public Meeting**

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Background and Purpose**

The New York City highway bridge has a vertical clearance of 34 feet at mean high water, and 39 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing drawbridge operating regulations are listed at 33 CFR § 117.795(b).

The bridge owner, New York City Department of Transportation, requested a temporary bridge closure to install median safety barriers between the vehicular travel lanes at the bridge.

The bridge presently has no median safety barriers between the vehicular travel lanes that pass over the moveable lift spans at the bridge. There have been many serious head on automobile accidents at this bridge as a result of the absence of median safety barriers.

The average traffic count is 140,000 vehicles a day. There have been seven (7) head-on travel lane crossover accidents over the past several years, four (4) resulting in fatalities. These accidents resulted from the absence of a median safety barrier separating the opposite vehicular travel lanes.

The installation of the median safety barriers is considered necessary safety repairs that should be performed without delay.

In order to facilitate this structural work the bridge must remain in the closed position for the passage of vessel traffic from 7 a.m. on February 24, 2003 through 5 p.m. on April 14, 2003.

The time frame requested to perform this necessary safety work, February 24, 2003 through April 14, 2003, is the best time to perform this work because the bridge has historically had very few requests to open during that time period. In 2001 only one commercial vessel transit required a bridge opening and in 2002 only three commercial vessel transits required bridge openings between February 24 and April 14.

During the last ten days of the above closure the bridge will be balanced and tested. A limited number of bridge openings would be available for the passage of vessel traffic during the time period the bridge will be balanced and tested.

The Coast Guard believes this proposed closure is reasonable because this work is essential for public safety and will be performed when the bridge has the fewest number of requests to open.

**Discussion of Proposed Rule**

Under this temporary rule in § 117.795, paragraph (b) will be temporarily suspended and a new temporary paragraph (d) will be added to allow the New York City highway