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[DOCKET NO. 85-19]

TARIFF PUBLICATION OF FREE TIME AND DETENTION CHARGES
APPLICABLE TO CARRIER EQUIPMENT INTERCHANGED WITH SHIPPERS
OR THEIR AGENTS

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission

ACTION: Final rule; stay of effective date.

SUMMARY: Because of numerous inquiries from carriers and conferences concerning various aspects of the Equipment Interchange Agreement (EIA) filing requirements, the Federal Maritime Commission has determined to provide an indefinite stay of the effective date of the Final Rule in Docket No. 85-19.

DATE: Effective upon publication.

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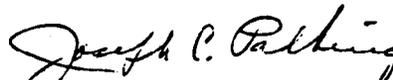
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commission published the Final Rule in this proceeding in the Federal Register on February 26, 1988 (53 FR 5770) with an effective date of March 28, 1988. On March 9, 1988, a petition was filed by several conferences requesting a 90-day stay of the effective date. The purpose of the request was to allow carriers

and conferences sufficient time to comply with the new rule. On March 21, 1988, (53 FR 9629, March 24, 1988) the Commission granted that request, extending the effective date of the Final Rule to June 26, 1988.

On June 17, 1988, (53 FR 23632, June 23, 1988) because of the continuing compliance difficulties faced by the industry, the Commission granted a further 90-day extension of the Rule's effective date until September 30, 1988. With a number of issues yet to be resolved regarding compliance with the various aspects of the Equipment Interchange Agreements filing requirements, the Commission has determined to grant an indefinite stay of the effective date of Docket No. 85-19. This stay will provide the Commission with an opportunity to address these issues either formally or informally and develop guidelines to assure compliance with the rule in a manner which both satisfies its intent and is not overly burdensome on the industry or the Commission.

By the Commission,


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