§ 470w–6. Effective date of regulations

(a) Effective date of final regulations

No final regulation of the Secretary shall become effective prior to the expiration of thirty calendar days after it is published in the Federal Register during which either or both Houses of Congress are in session.

(b) Disapproval of regulation by resolution of Congress

The regulation shall not become effective if, within ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress after the date of promulgation, both Houses of Congress adopt a concurrent resolution, the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: ''That Congress disapproves the regulation promulgated by the Secretary dealing with the matter of   , which regulation was transmitted to Congress on   ,'' the blank spaces therein being appropriately filled.

(c) Failure of Congress to adopt resolution of disapproval of regulation

If at the end of sixty calendar days of continuous session of Congress after the date of promulgation of a regulation, no committee of either House of Congress has reported or been discharged from further consideration of a concurrent resolution disapproving the regulation, and neither House has adopted such a resolution, the regulation may go into effect immediately. If, within such sixty calendar days, such a committee has reported or been discharged from further consideration of such a resolution, the regulation may go into effect not sooner than ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress after its promulgation unless disapproved as provided for.

(d) Sessions of Congress

For the purposes of this section—

(1) continuity of session is broken only by an adjournment sine die; and

(2) the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain are excluded in the computation of sixty and ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress.

(e) Congressional inaction or rejection of resolution of disapproval not deemed approval of regulation

Congressional inaction on or rejection of a resolution of disapproval shall not be deemed an expression of approval of such regulation.

(Pub. L. 89–665, title III, § 307, as added Pub. L. 96–515, title V, § 501, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 3004; amended Pub. L. 103–437, § 6(d)(29), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4584; Pub. L. 104–333, div. I, title VIII, § 814(d)(1)(O), (2)(E), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4196; Pub. L. 106–176, title I, § 120(a)(2), Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 28; Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(11)–(13), May 26, 2000, 114 Stat. 319.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(11), substituted ''No final regulation'' for ''Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no final regulation''.

Pub. L. 106–176 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 104–333, § 814(d)(2)(E). See 1996 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(13), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

Subsec.(c). Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(13), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(12), which directed the amendment of subsec. (c) by substituting ''The regulation'' for ''Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the regulation'', was executed by making the substitution for text that did not include the phrase ''of this section''.

Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 106–208, § 5(a)(13), redesignated subsecs. (d) to (f) as (c) to (e), respectively.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104–333, § 814(d)(2)(E), as amended by Pub. L. 106–176, struck out first two sentences which read as follows: ''At least thirty days prior to publishing in the Federal Register any proposed regulation required by this subchapter, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the regulation to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate. The Secretary also shall transmit to such committees a copy of any final regulation prior to its publication in the Federal Register.''

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104–333, § 814(d)(1)(O), struck out subsec. (b) which read as follows: ''In the case of an emergency, a final regulation of the Secretary may become effective without regard to the last sentence of subsection (a) of this section if the Secretary notified in writing the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate setting forth the reasons why it is necessary to make the regulation effective prior to the expiration of the thirty-day period.''

1994—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 103–437 substituted ''Natural Resources'' for ''Interior and Insular Affairs'' after ''Committee on''.

§ 470w–7. Historic lighthouse preservation

(a) In general

In order to provide a national historic light station program, the Secretary shall—

(1) collect and disseminate information concerning historic light stations, including historic lighthouses and associated structures;

(2) foster educational programs relating to the history, practice, and contribution to society of historic light stations;

(3) sponsor or conduct research and study into the history of light stations;

(4) maintain a listing of historic light stations; and

(5) assess the effectiveness of the program established by this section regarding the conveyance of historic light stations.

(b) Conveyance of historic light stations

(1) Process and policy

Not later than 1 year after October 24, 2000, the Secretary and the Administrator shall establish a process and policies for identifying, and selecting, an eligible entity to which a historic light station could be conveyed for education, park, recreation, cultural, or historic preservation purposes, and to monitor the use of such light station by the eligible entity.

(2) Application review

The Secretary shall review all applications for the conveyance of a historic light station, when the agency with administrative jurisdiction over the historic light station has determined the property to be ''excess property'' as that term is defined in section 102(3) of title