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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice is publishing its spring 2004 regulatory agenda pursuant to Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review," 58 FR 51735, and the

Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. sections 601-612 (1988).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The

Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires that, each year, the Department publish a list of those regulations that have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities and are to be reviewed under section 610 of the Act during the succeeding 12 months. This edition of the Department's unified agenda includes three regulations requiring

such a review: "Commerce in Explosives (Including Explosives in the Fireworks Industry)" (RIN 1140-AA01); "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities" (RIN 1190-AA44); and "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services" (RIN 1190-AA46). In accordance with the RFA, comments are specifically invited on these regulations. Those comments should be addressed to the contact persons listed in the entries for these items.

Dated: May 25, 2004.

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives—Final Rule Stage

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1840	Implementation of the Safe Explosives Act, Title XI, Subtitle C, of Public Law 107-296—Delivery of Explosive Materials by Common or Contract Carrier	1140-AA20

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives—Completed Actions

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1860	Chemical Registration Waivers; Exemption From Chemical Registration Fees for Certain Persons	1117-AA67
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1874	Protective Orders in Immigration Administration Proceedings	1125-AA38
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1877	Definitions; Fees; Powers and Authority of DHS Officers in Removal Proceedings	1125-AA43
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1003	Actual and Maximum Capacity: paging, MSS, SMR, & ESMR	1110-AA22

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1889	Implementation of Sections 104 and 109 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act	1110-AA00
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1890 1891 1892	National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Reporting Regulations Inspection of Records Relating to Depiction of Sexually Explicit Performances Reporting Under the Protection of Children From Sexual Predators Act as Amended	1105–AA71 1105–AB05 1105–AB06
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Sequence Number	Title	
1893 1894 1895	Designation of Agencies To Receive and Investigate Reports Required Under the Protection of Children From Sexual Predators Act Ethical Standards for Attorneys for the Government Minimum Qualifications for Annuity Brokers in Connection With Structured Settlements Entered Into by the United States	1105–AA65 1105–AA67 1105–AA82
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1896	Enhanced Notice and Release Procedures for Owners of Seized Property Pursuant to the CAFRA of 2000; Disposition of Seized Property too Costly To Maintain; Consolidation of Department Regulations	1105–AA74
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1897	Certification and Decertification in Connection With Certain Suits Based Upon Acts or Omissions of Federal Employees and Other Persons	1105–AA62
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Justice Department Program Participants

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Office of Justice Programs—Proposed Rule Stage

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1909	Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-	
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1910	STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program and STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary	
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Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Prisons (BOP)

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1785. DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM: SUBPART REVISION AND CLARIFICATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3521 to 3528, 4042, 4046, 4081, 4082, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 848, 509, 510; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; . . .

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons proposes to amend its regulations on the drug abuse treatment program. We intend this amendment to streamline and clarify these regulations, eliminating unnecessary text and obsolete language, and removing internal agency procedures that need not be in rules text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120–AB07

1786. INMATE DISCIPLINE—SUBPART REVISION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024,

5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 541 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes to amend its Inmate Discipline and Special Housing Unit (SHU) regulations. We intend this amendment to streamline and clarify these regulations, eliminating unnecessary text and obsolete language and removing internal agency procedures (guidance to staff on how to implement disciplinary processes) that need not be in rules text. The changes involve extensive reorganization and updates to obsolete

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and unnecessary disciplinary codes and processes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB18

1787. PROGRESS REPORTS RULES REVISION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509, 510; 21 USC 848; 18 U.S.C. 3521 to 3528; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001, 4042, 4046, 4081, 4082 (Repealed in part as to offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987); 18 USC 5006 to 5024 (Repealed October 12, 1984, as to offenses committed after that)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 524.40

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) streamlines rules on Progress Reports by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB24

1788. • VICTIM/WITNESS NOTIFICATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined

CFR Citation: None Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) revises its rules on Victim/Witness Notifications to more accurately reflect updated and streamlined program processes and to clarify existing provisions by using simpler organization and language. For further simplification, we remove language relating solely to internal agency practices and procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Small Entities Affected: No

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB25

1789. • AUTOPSIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4005, 4042, 4045, 4081, 4082 (Repealed in part as to offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987), 4241 to 4247, 5006 to 5024 (Repealed October 12, 1984)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 549.80

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) streamlines the rule on autopsies by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite	
NPRM	12/00/04		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 1120-AB26

1790. • COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 751, 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081, 4082 (Repealed in part as to offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987), 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024 (Repealed October 12, 1984)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 570.20 and .21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule limits the amount of time that inmates may spend in community confinement (including Community Corrections Centers (CCCs) and home confinement) to the last 10 percent of the prison sentence being served, not to exceed 6 months. The only exceptions to this policy are for inmates in specific statutorily-created programs that authorize greater periods of community confinement (for example, the residential substance abuse treatment program (18 U.S.C. § 3621(e)(2)(A)) or the shock incarceration program (18 U.S.C. § 4046(c)).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB27

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1791. • SEARCHING AND DETAINING OR ARRESTING NON-INMATES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined

CFR Citation: None Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes to amend its regulations on searching and detaining or arresting non-inmates. This revision reorganizes current rules and makes other changes for clarity. We also make changes that would subject non-inmates to random pat searches as a condition of entry to a Bureau facility.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB28

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1792. INTENSIVE CONFINEMENT

CENTERS Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4046; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC

5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 524.31 to 524.34

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document finalizes procedures for the operation of a specialized program combining features of a military boot camp with the traditional correctional values of the Bureau of Prisons. Inmates who successfully complete this program may be placed in community-based programs for longer periods of time than ordinarily permitted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/26/96	61 FR 18658
Interim Final Rule Effective	05/28/96	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/25/96	
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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RIN: 1120-AA11

1793. LITERACY PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 544.70 to 544.76

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document makes changes to the Bureau's literacy program regulations for the sake of clarification or simplification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/26/97	62 FR 50791
Interim Final Rule Effective	11/03/97	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/25/97	
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AA33

1794. TELEPHONE REGULATIONS AND INMATE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Final Rule Stage

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 540 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) is withdrawing certain provisions in its rules on telephone regulations and on the inmate financial responsibility program (IFRP) which were published in the Federal Register on April 4, 1994 (59 FR 15812).

In the April 4, 1994, revision of its rules on telephone regulations and on the IFRP, the Bureau delayed the effective date for provisions in sections 540.105(c) and 545.11(d)(10), which imposed limitations on the telephone privileges of inmates refusing to participate in the IFRP. These provisions were to become effective January 3, 1995. Due to ongoing litigation in Washington v. Reno, the effective date for these provisions was further delayed until January 4, 1996 (60 FR 240).

In accordance with the Court-approved settlement in Washington v. Reno, through this rule, the Bureau withdrew these provisions and the reference to the IFRP telephone restrictions in 28 CFR section 540.100(a) and published at 61 FR 92 a new proposed rule to impose a different restriction on the telephone privileges of inmates who refuse to participate in the IFRP. This rule was finalized on December 28, 1999 (64 FR 72798, see RIN 1120-

AA49).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/02/96	61 FR 90
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/04/96	
Final Action	09/00/04	

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Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AA39

1795. TELEPHONE REGULATIONS AND INMATE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 551; 18 USC 3663; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081; 18 USC 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 5 USC 552a; 18 USC 1791; 18 USC 3013; 18 USC 3571; 18 USC 3572; 18 USC 3621; 18 USC 3622; 18 USC 3624

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 540.105; 28 CFR

545.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On January 2, 1996, BOP published an NPRM proposing limitations on telephone privileges and commissary privileges for inmates who refuse to participate in the inmate financial responsibility program (BOP 1050). On December 28, 1999, BOP finalized that portion of the NPRM pertaining to limitations on commissary privileges. BOP is continuing to work on addressing issues raised by its proposed limitations on telephone privileges for inmates who are inmate financial responsibility program refusees. BOP will finalize that portion of its January 1996 NPRM in a separate document (BOP 1102).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/04	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1796. GOOD CONDUCT TIME

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3568; 28 USC 509 to 510; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 523 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document notes the statutory requirements for the awarding of good conduct time, including the Bureau's consideration in instances where the inmate does not have a high school diploma or GED and is not making satisfactory progress toward earning a high school diploma or GED.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/26/97	62 FR 50786
Interim Final Rule Effective	11/03/97	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/25/97	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1797. DESIGNATION OF OFFENSES SUBJECT TO SEX OFFENDER RELEASE NOTIFICATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3565; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5031 to 5042; 28 USC 509 to 510; 18 USC 2568 to 3569; 18 USC 3582; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166; 18 USC 4201 to 4218

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 571 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document designates various offenses as sexual offenses for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 4042(c). The designations ensure that notifications can be made for military offenders, for District of Columbia Code offenders, and for these and other Federal inmates with a sex offense in their criminal history.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/16/98	63 FR 69386
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	02/16/99	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1798. INMATE COMMISSARY ACCOUNT DEPOSIT PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 509 to 510; 31 USC 725; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4005; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166; 18 USC 5006

to 5024; 18 USC 5039

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 506; 28 CFR

540.23; 28 CFR 540.51

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document specifies how an inmate may receive funds from family, friends, and other sources. Any funds sent from family or friends will be sent directly to a centralized inmate commissary account for receipt and posting. Funds received from other sources, such as tax refunds, dividends from stocks, or State benefits, will be forwarded for deposit to the centralized inmate commissary account.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/23/99	64 FR 20126
NPRM Comment Period End	06/22/99	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1799. DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS: DISINCENTIVES AND ENHANCED INCENTIVES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3521 to 3528; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510; 18 USC 3621; 18 USC 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4046; 18 USC 4081; 18 USC 4082

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document broadens the eligibility criteria for the drug abuse education program. In addition, this document establishes disincentives that may be imposed for the purpose of encouraging inmates to participate in the residential drug treatment program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/20/00	65 FR 56840
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/00	
Final Action	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1800. SEARCHES OF HOUSING UNITS, INMATES, INMATE WORK AREAS, AND PERSONS OTHER THAN INMATES: ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 751 to 752; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510; 18 USC 1791 to 1793; 18 USC 3050; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4012; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 511; 28 CFR 552

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document clarifies provisions in the Bureau's regulations that pertain to the use of electronic devices in searches of inmates and persons other than inmates.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/25/99	64 FR 9431
NPRM Comment Period End	04/26/99	
Final Action	09/00/04	
Regulatory Flevibility Analysis		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1801. DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC

4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4251 to 4255; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document consolidates into a single drug testing program separately stated regulations on alcohol testing and urine surveillance. The consolidated regulations provide for more flexibility in the use of testing methods.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/21/00	65 FR 57126
NPRM Comment Period End	11/20/00	
Final Action	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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1802. RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552; 5 USC 552a; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510;

31 USC 3711(f)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 513 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This document revises Bureau regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act in order to simplify the procedures and to eliminate unnecessary regulatory text.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/13/03	68 FR 25545
NPRM Comment Period End	07/14/03	
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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1803. CORRESPONDENCE: INSPECTION OF OUTGOING GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 551; 5 USC 552a; 18 USC 1791; 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 540.14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document amends the Bureau's regulations on correspondence to require that outgoing inmate general correspondence at all institutions may not be sealed and may be read and inspected by staff. This amendment is intended to provide for the continued efficient and secure operation of the institution and to protect the public. The requirement does not apply to special mail.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/27/99	64 FR 40718
NPRM Comment Period End	09/27/99	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 1120-AA98

1804. INFECTIOUS DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 18 USC 3621 to 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC

4005; 18 USC 4042; ...

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 549

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document is a proposed rule (split from the interim final rule, RIN 1120-AA23) on the correctional management of tuberculosis, HIV, and hepatitis B. The changes to the regulations address the circumstances under which the Bureau conducts voluntary and involuntary testing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/12/02	67 FR 46136
NPRM Comment Period End	09/10/02	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB03

1805. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EDUCATIONAL GOOD TIME CREDIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 3568; 18 USC 3621; 18 USC 3622; 18 USC 3624; 18 USC 4001; 18 USC 4042; 18 USC 4081; 18 USC 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166; 18 USC 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 523 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule establishes procedures for awarding educational good time credit consistent with the DC Code for offenders in Bureau institutions or Bureau contract facilities, under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, who committed their offenses before August 5, 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/24/02	67 FR 48385
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/23/02	
Final Action	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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RIN: 1120-AB05

1806. SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 18 USC 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081, 4082, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 552 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document revises Bureau regulations on the suicide prevention program for the sake of clarity and in order to remove Agency management procedures that do not need to be stated in regulations. The revised regulations more clearly delineate for the inmate the procedures used to identify and protect inmates deemed to be at risk for suicide.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/13/00	65 FR 67670
NPRM Comment Period End	01/12/01	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 1120-AB06

1807. NATIONAL SECURITY; PREVENTION OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081, 4082, 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024; 18 USC 5039; 28 USC 509, 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 500, 501

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Current Bureau of Prisons regulations on institutional management authorize the Bureau to impose special administrative measures with respect to specified inmates, based on information provided by senior intelligence or law enforcement officials, where it has been determined to be necessary to prevent the dissemination either of classified information that could endanger the national security or of other information that could lead to acts of violence and terrorism.

This rule extends the period of time for which such special administrative measures may be imposed from 120 days to up to 1 year and modifies the standards for approving extensions of such special administrative measures for further increments of time. In addition, in those cases where the Attorney General has certified that reasonable suspicion exists to believe that an inmate may use communications with attorneys or their agents to further or facilitate acts of violence or terrorism, this rule amends the existing regulations to provide that the Bureau is authorized to monitor mail or communications with attorneys in order to deter such acts, subject to specific procedural safeguards, to the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the United States. Finally, this rule provides that the head of each component of the Department of Justice that has custody of persons for whom special administrative measures are determined to be necessary may exercise the same authority to impose such measures as the Director of the Bureau of Prisons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/30/01	66 FR 55062

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/31/01	
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Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected:

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RIN: 1120-AB08

1808. INMATE FEES FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 4001, 4005, 4014, 4042, 4045, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 4241 to 4247, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 549 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes rules describing procedures we will follow for charging inmates fees for certain kinds of health services, as required under the Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-294, October 12, 2000, 114 Stat. 1038).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/10/02	67 FR 63059
NPRM Comment Period End	12/09/02	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 1120–AB11

1809. GOOD CONDUCT TIME: ALIENS WITH CONFIRMED ORDERS OF DEPORTATION, EXCLUSION, OR REMOVAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 28 USC 509 to 510; 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 3568, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024, 5039

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 523.20 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes to amend its rules on Good Conduct Time (GCT). The purpose of this rule is to more effectively reduce the lengthy General Educational Development (GED) waiting lists and to reevaluate the "satisfactory progress in a literacy program" provision of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (VCCLEA) and/or the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PLRA) for aliens with confirmed orders of deportation, exclusion, or removal. This rule increases the proportion of our literacy funds and resources that go to inmates who will remain in the United States after release.

This rule exempts such inmate aliens from the "satisfactory progress in a literacy program" provision of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (VCCLEA) and/or the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PLRA). The Bureau's Literacy Program rules currently comprise only GED attainment. This means that inmate aliens who have confirmed orders of deportation, exclusion, or removal, but do not have a high school diploma or GED, will not need to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward earning a GED credential to be considered for the full benefits of GCT. When considering GCT, we propose to allow 54 days GCT for each year served if the inmate is an alien with a confirmed order of deportation, exclusion, or removal from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) (now referred to as the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS)).

In this rule the Bureau also reorganizes the rule for clarity and accuracy. Other than the substantive change regarding

sentenced deportable aliens, we make no further substantive changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/25/03	68 FR 37776
NPRM Comment Period End	08/25/03	
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1810. CIVIL CONTEMPT OF COURT COMMITMENTS: REVISION TO ACCOMMODATE COMMITMENTS UNDER THE DC CODE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 3568, 3585, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510;

DC Code 24–101(a) and (b) CFR Citation: 28 CFR 522 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) revises its rules on Civil Contempt of Court Commitments to include references to relevant DC Code provisions regarding civil contempt commitments. We make this revision to accommodate DC Code offenders in Bureau institutions or Bureau contract facilities under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (DC Revitalization Act), DC Code section 24-101(a) and (b). We also revise this rule to clarify existing provisions by using simpler organization and language. For further simplification, we remove language relating solely to internal agency practices and procedures. We do not, however, make any substantive changes to the current rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/05/03	68 FR 46138

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NPRM Comment Period End	10/06/03	
Final Action	06/00/04	
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Required: No

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RIN: 1120-AB13

1811. CENTRAL INMATE MONITORING (CIM) SYSTEM: STREAMLINING RULES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 223; 18 USC 5006 to

to 4082; 18 USC 223; 18 USC 5006 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510; ...

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 524 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes to streamline its rules on the Central Inmate Monitoring system (CIM). We intend this amendment to streamline our regulations by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation. Bureau policy is a more appropriate vehicle through which to provide instruction and guidance to staff. All the provisions we removed consist of our instruction and guidance to Bureau staff. These provisions relate solely to internal agency management and practice and do not impose obligations or confer any benefits upon our regulated entities (the inmates) or the public. The procedures that were in these regulations will continue to exist, unchanged, in our policy statement on the Admission and Orientation Program. Any requirement imposed on our staff in these rules will remain a Bureau-wide requirement in our policy. It is important to note that we have not changed the substance of the CIM

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1120-AB14

1812. COMMENTS ON UNICOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS: CLARIFICATION OF ADDRESSES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 18 USC 4126 CFR Citation: 28 CFR 302.1 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) changes the addresses of the Chief Operating Officer and the Board of Directors of Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (also known as UNICOR), to correct and update them.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/09/04	69 FR 1524
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/09/04	
Final Action	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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1813. ADMISSION AND ORIENTATION PROGRAM: REMOVAL FROM RULES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024,

5039; 28 USC 509 to 510 **CFR Citation:** 28 CFR 522

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) proposes to remove its rules on the Admission and Orientation (A&O) Program from the CFR. We intend this amendment to streamline our regulations by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation.

The three rules in 28 CFR subpart E, sections 522.40, 522.41, and 522.43, contained descriptions of the Bureau's A&O Program. Although we are removing these rules from the CFR, we retain the language of these rules in our A&O policy, which is an instructional document for Bureau employees and institutional staff.

Section 522.40 required institutions and staff to "offer each newly committed inmate an orientation to the institution," which includes information on inmate rights, responsibilities, obligations, and the institution's programs and disciplinary system.

Section 522.41 delineated Warden and staff responsibility for conducting the A&O Program. This section required staff involved in the A&O program to develop an outline of information to present during A&O and develop written orientation materials. This section also instructed staff to monitor inmates with significant emotional stress during A&O, so that the institution could provide them with appropriate assistance.

Section 522.42 contained guidelines for institution A&O programs, including such details as location, activities, and length of the program.

All of these rules consist of our instruction and guidance to Bureau staff. These rules relate solely to internal agency management and practice and do not impose obligations or confer any benefits upon our regulated entities (the inmates) or the public.

Timetable:

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	02/04/03 04/07/03	68 FR 5563
Final Action	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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Small Entities Affected: No

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1814. BUREAU OF PRISONS EMERGENCIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621 to 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509 to 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 501.1 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) makes this interim final rule to clarify that, when there is an institutional or system-wide Bureau emergency that the Director or designee, such as a Warden, considers a threat to human life or safety, the Director or designee may suspend the operation of the rules in this chapter as necessary to handle the emergency. This rule clarifies that the Director may suspend Bureau rules as needed in light of any emergency affecting the Bureau, and the Warden may do so to deal with emergencies at the institution level. This rule change clarifying the Director's authority to modify Bureau rules to handle emergencies is especially necessary in light of the recent terrorist attacks, threats to national security, threats of anthrax surrounding mail processing, and other events occurring on and after September 11, 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/16/03	68 FR 18544
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/16/03	
Final Action	10/00/04	

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Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 1120–AB17

1815. ADMINISTRATIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AND MEDICATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 10 USC 876b; 18 USC 3621, 3622, 3524, 4001, 4005, 4042, 4045, 4081, 4082; 18 USC 4241 to 4247, 5006 to 5024, 5039; 28 USC 509, 510

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 549 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) amends its regulations on Psychiatric Treatment and Medication. We make several minor word changes to conform more closely with the language of 18 U.S.C. sections 4241 to 4247 on psychiatric hospitalization. We remove from the rule one element of the standard for determining whether treatment or psychotropic medication is necessary because this element is inconsistent with community standards and case law. We also change the rules to conform with statutory authority regarding military prisoners and District of Columbia (DC) Code violators in Bureau custody. Previously, our procedures for involuntary psychiatric treatment and medication did not apply to military prisoners or DC Code violators. Under new statutory authority, military prisoners who are incompetent to stand trial, or who have been found not guilty by reason of lack of mental responsibility may now be committed to the Bureau's custody. Sentenced DC Code offenders may now be involuntarily committed to a Bureau psychiatric hospital. Such military prisoners and DC Code violators are subject to our regulations. We revise the applicability statement accordingly.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/29/03	68 FR 74892
NPRM Comment Period End	02/27/04	
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1816. CLARIFYING OF RELEASE GRATUITIES—RELEASE TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS TO MORE CLOSELY CONFORM TO STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3565, 3568 to 3569, 3582, 3621 to 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081 to 4082; 18 USC 4161 to 4166, 4201 to 4218, 5006 to 5024, 5031 to 5042; 28 USC 509, 510; US Cost, Art II, sec 2

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 571.22 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document makes a minor clarifying change to the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) regulations on release gratuities, transportation, and clothing. The amendment will clarify that the Bureau is authorized, upon an inmate's release, to provide transportation to an inmate's place of conviction or his legal residence only within the United States, under 18 U.S.C. 3624(d)(3). We intend this clarification to remove the

misapprehension that the Bureau is authorized to provide transportation outside the United States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/09/03	68 FR 34301
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	08/08/03	
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1817. • OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS: TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 18 USC 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4005, 4042, 4045, 4081, 4082 (Repealed in part as to offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987), 4241 to 4247, 5006 to 5024 (Repealed October 12, 1984)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 549.31 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This document makes a minor technical correction to the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) regulations on Over-The-Counter (OTC) medications. Previously, our rule defined an inmate without funds as one who has had an average daily trust fund account balance of less than \$6.00 for the past 30 days. The words "average daily" in that definition resulted in incorrect classifications by the Bureau's business offices. The more accurate definition of an inmate without funds is one who has not had a trust fund account balance of \$6.00 for the past 30 days. We therefore issue this technical correction.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Prisons (BOP)

1818. RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES: NOMENCLATURE CHANGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 548

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/29/03	68 FR 74859
Final Action Effective	12/29/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No
Government Levels Affected: None
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1819. SMOKING/NO SMOKING AREAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 551.160 to

551.163

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/25/98	63 FR 65502
Second NPRM	05/06/99	64 FR 24468

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Second NPRM Comment Period End	07/06/99	
Final Action	03/24/04	69 FR 13795
Final Action Effective	07/15/04	

Completed Actions

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No
Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Justice (DOJ)
Civil Rights Division (CRT)

Proposed Rule Stage

1820. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES (SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Economically Significant.

Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509; 28 USC 510; 42 USC 12186(b)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 36 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In 1991, the Department of Justice published regulations to implement title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Those regulations include the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, which establish requirements for the design and construction of accessible facilities that are consistent with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) published by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board). In the time since the regulations became effective, the Department of Justice and the Access Board have each gathered a great deal of information regarding the implementation of the Standards. The Access Board is currently in the process of revising ADAAG, and it published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on November 16, 1999, and an Availability of Draft Final Guidelines on April 2, 2002. In order to maintain consistency between ADAAG and the ADA Standards, the Department is reviewing its title III regulations and expects to propose, inone or more stages, to adopt the revisions proposed by the Access Board and to make related revisions to the Department's title III regulations. In addition to maintaining consistency between ADAAG and the Standards, the purpose of this review and these revisions will be to more closely coordinate with voluntary standards; to clarify areas which, through inquiries and comments to the Department's technical assistance phone lines, have been shown to cause confusion; to reflect evolving technologies in areas affected by the Standards; and to comply with section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which requires agencies once every 10 years to review rules that have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities.

The adoption of revised ADAAG will also serve to address changes to the

ADA Standards previously proposed in RIN 1190-AA26 and RIN 1190-AA38, which have been withdrawn. These changes will include technical specifications for facilities designed for use by children and accessibility standards for State and local government facilities that have previously been published by the Access Board.

The timetable set forth below refers to the notice of proposed rulemaking that the Department will issue as the first stage of the above described title III rulemaking. This notice of proposed rulemaking will be issued under both title II and title III. For purposes of the title III regulation, this notice will propose to adopt revised ADAAG as theADA Standards for Accessible Design. The second stage will initiate the review of the regulation in accordance with the requirements of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: RIN 1190-AA44, which will effect changes to 28 CFR 36 (the Department's regulation implementing title III of the ADA), is related to another rulemaking of the Civil Rights Division, RIN 1190-AA46, which will effect changes to 28 CFR 35 (the Department's regulation implementing title II of the ADA).

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1821. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509 to 510; 42 USC 12134; PL 101–336

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 35 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On July 26, 1991, the Department published its final rule implementing title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On November 16, 1999, the U.S. Architectural and Transportation **Barriers Compliance Board (Access** Board) issued its first comprehensive review of the ADA Accessibility Guidelines, which form the basis of the Department's ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The Access Board published an Availability of Draft Final Guidelines on April 2, 2002. The ADA (section 204(c)) requires the Department's standards to be consistent with the Access Board's guidelines. Therefore, the Department will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to adopt the revisions proposed by the Access Board. The Department will also, in one or more stages, review its title II regulations for purposes of section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and make related changes to its title II regulations.

In addition to the statutory requirement for the rule, the social and economic realities faced by Americans with disabilities dictate the need for the rule. Individuals with disabilities cannot participate in the social and economic activities of the Nation without being able to access the programs and services of State and local governments. Further, amending the Department's ADA regulations will improve the format and usability of the ADA Standards for Accessible Design; harmonize the differences between the ADA Standards and national consensus standards and model codes; update the ADA Standards to reflect technological developments that meet the needs of persons with disabilities; and coordinate future ADA Standards revisions with national standards and model code organizations. As a result, the overarching goal of improving access for persons with disabilities so that they can benefit from the goods,

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services, and activities provided to the public by covered entities will be met.

The timetable set forth below refers to the notice of proposed rulemaking that the Department will issue as the first stage of the above described title II rulemaking. This notice of proposed rulemaking will be issued under both title II and title III. For purposes of the title II regulation, this notice will propose to eliminate the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) as an alternative to the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and to adopt revised ADAAG as the ADA Standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment	03/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Governmental

Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Local, State

Federalism: This action may have federalism implications as defined in EO 13132.

Additional Information: RIN 1190-AA46, which will effect changes to 28 CFR 35 (the Department's regulation implementing title II of the ADA), is related to another rulemaking of the Civil Rights Division, RIN 1190-AA44, which will effect changes to 28 CFR 36 (the Department's regulation implementing title III of the ADA). By adopting revised ADAAG, this rulemaking will, among other things, address changes to the ADA Standards previously proposed in RINs 1190-AA26, 1190-AA36, and 1190-AA38, which have been withdrawn and merged into this rulemaking. These changes include accessibility standards for State and local government facilities that had been previously published by the Access Board (RIN 1190-AA26) and the timing for the compliance of State and local governments with the curbcut requirements of the title II regulation (RIN 1190-AA36). In order to consolidate regulatory actions implementing title II of the ADA, on February 15, 2000, RINs 1190-AA26 and 1190-AA38 were merged into this rulemaking and onMarch 5, 2002, RIN 1190-AA36 was merged into this rulemaking.

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RIN: 1190-AA46

1822. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES; PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS; RECREATION FACILITIES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509 to 510; 42 USC 12134; 42 USC 12186; PL 101, 236

12186; PL 101-336

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 35; 28 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On September 3, 2002, the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) published Final Guidelines to supplement the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), which form the basis of the Department's ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The supplement establishes for the first time accessibility guidelines for the design of recreation facilities, such as health clubs, golf courses, and amusement parks. The ADA (sections 204(c) and 306(c)) requires the Department's accessibility standards to be consistent with the Access Board's guidelines. Therefore, the Department expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to adopt the guidelines adopted by the Access Board and proposing related changes to the Department's regulations with respect to the operation of recreation facilities. Individuals with disabilities cannot participate in the social and economic realms of the Nation without being able

Individuals with disabilities cannot participate in the social and economic realms of the Nation without being able to access public entities and public accommodations throughout the country. Promulgating this amendment to the Department's ADA regulations will ensure that the regulations are consistent with the ADAAG, thereby preventing the confusion that could develop if the Department's regulations were inconsistent with the Access Board guidelines. In addition, amending the Department's ADA

regulations will improve the Department's overarching goal of improving access for persons with disabilities. The proposed rule will ensure that new recreation facilities are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. As new recreation facilities are designed and constructed to be accessible, individuals with disabilities will enjoy the benefits of these facilities. Operators of recreation facilities will experience increased usage and patronage by individuals with disabilities. Designers and manufacturers will have a clear and consistent set of standards with which to work. Establishing uniform standards for accessibility has resulted in innovation and new designs that are cost effective and beneficial to everyone.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment	03/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local, State

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RIN: 1190–AA47

1823. AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS AND WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998 COMPLAINT PROCESS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1182(n)(5); 8 USC 1103(a); 8 USC 1182(n); 8 USC 1324b

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CFR Citation: 28 CFR 44.500; 28 CFR

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA)—enacted as part of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental DOJ—CRT Proposed Rule Stage

Appropriations Act of 1998—made various changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act (the INA) relating to temporary nonimmigrant professionals. In this rule (RIN 1190-AA48), the Department's Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) will implement the ACWIA "failure to select" protections—codified in the INA at section 212(n)(5)—by establishing a process under which U.S. workers may file complaints against certain employers deemed "H-1B dependent" that deny them employment opportunities by improperly hiring temporary foreign professionals on H-1B visas. Under this process, OSC may receive and review these complaints, and then—if there is reasonable cause to believe the allegations-initiate binding arbitration proceedings through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

This rule also changes regulations of the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) to provide for the review of arbitrators' decisions and, where appropriate, the award of administrative relief for a "failure to select" cause of action under the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1988. This new cause of action allows an aggrieved party to file a complaint against a covered employer when it seeks to hire an H-1B visa holder over an equally or better qualified United States worker who applied for the job. Arbitrators of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will adjudicate the complaints. The regulation also allows the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer to review the Arbitrator's findings, if necessary, and to impose remedies against the employer. This rule is being coordinated with EOIR, the Department of Labor (DOL), and the FMCS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment	03/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: ACWIA increased the numerical cap on H-1B

nonimmigrant aliens; required certain dependent employers to make additional attestations to the Department of Labor (DOL); increased the penalties for employers who have been found to be in violation of DOL's rules; and created a "whistle blower" clause to protect H-1B workers who filed complaints against their employer.

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1824. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS; PLAY AREAS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509 to 510; 42 USC 12134; 42 USC

12186; PL 101-336

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 35; 28 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On October 18, 2000, the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) published a final rule to supplement the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), which form the basis of the Department's ADA Standards for Accessible Design. These guidelines establish for the first time accessibility guidelines for the design of play areas. The ADA (sections 204(c) and 306(c)) requires the Department's accessibility standards to be consistent with the Access Board's guidelines. Therefore, the Department expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to adopt the

revisions of the Access Board and proposing related changes to the Department's regulations with respect to the operation of play areas.

Persons with disabilities cannot participate in the social and economic realms of the Nation without being able to access public entities and public accommodations throughout the country. Promulgating this amendment to the Department's ADA regulations will ensure that the regulations are consistent with the ADAAG, thereby preventing the confusion that could develop if the Department's regulations were inconsistent with the Access Board Guidelines. In addition, amending the Department's ADA regulations will improve the Department's overarching goal of improving access for persons with disabilities. This rule is designed to ensure that new play areas are readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. As new play areas are designed and constructed to be accessible, persons with disabilities will enjoy the benefits of these areas. Operators of play areas will experience increased usage and patronage by persons with disabilities. Designers and manufacturers will have a clear and consistent set of standards with which to work. Establishing uniform standards for accessibility has resulted in innovation and new designs that are cost effective and beneficial to everyone.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment	03/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Local, State

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1825. AMENDMENTS TO
PROCEDURES ADVISING STATES
AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
SPECIALLY COVERED UNDER THE
VOTING RIGHTS ACT HOW TO SEEK
PRECLEARANCE FROM THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PROPOSED
VOTING CHANGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 28 USC 509 to 510; 42 USC 1973a(c); 42 USC 1973c

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 51 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 requires certain States and their political subdivisions (covered jurisdictions) obtain "preclearance" from the Federal Government of proposed changes in voting practices and procedures prior to their implementation. Preclearance may be obtained either through litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or administratively from the Attorney General. In 1971 the Department first issued procedures for the administration of section 5 to inform covered jurisdictions concerning the manner in which they could comply with section 5 in the administrative proceeding before the Attorney General. In subsequent years, the Department has amended these procedures to reflect changes in section 5 law, in the Attorney General's internal practices, and to make the procedures clearer and easier to follow. In the many years since the last major amendment to the procedures, there have been significant changes in section 5 law and in the practices employed by the Department in processing submissions, which are not reflected in the existing Procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment	03/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Local, State

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Phone: 202 307–2870 **RIN:** 1190–AA51

1826. AMENDMENTS TO COORDINATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12250

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2000d et seq; 29 USC 706; 29 USC 794; EO 12250

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 42.401 to 42.415; 28 CFR 41.1 to 41.58

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In 1988, the Civil Rights Restoration Act (CRRA) added definitions of "program or activity" and "program" to Title VI and added a definition of "program or activity" to section 504. The added definitions were designed to clarify the broad scope of coverage of recipients' programs or activities under these statutes. In a joint rulemaking described at RIN 1190-AA49, and published in the Federal Register on August 26, 2003, the Department of Justice and other Federal agencies conformed their regulations to the CRRA.

In the rulemaking described under this RIN (1190-AA52) the Department of Justice proposes to make conforming amendments to its coordination regulations concerning agency enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 28 CFR 42.401 to 42.415, and agency enforcement of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, 28 CFR 41.1 to 41.58. The proposed amendments explicitly incorporate the CRRA's definitions of "program or activity" and "program" into the Department's Title VI and Section 504 coordination regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/05	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal, Local, State

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1827. PROCEDURES TO REVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR A PATTERN OR PRACTICE OF CONDUCT THAT DEPRIVES PERSONS OF RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, OR IMMUNITIES SECURED OR PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE U.S.

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 28 USC

509

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. section 14141 (section 14141), the Attorney General is authorized to file lawsuits seeking court orders to reform police departments engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States. To date, the Department of Justice has conducted reviews of police departments pursuant to section 14141 using informal procedures. The purpose of this rule is to formalize the procedures by which the Department reviews police departments for a pattern or practice of unlawful conduct.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/05 03/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Justice (DOJ)

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

Proposed Rule Stage

1828. IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAW 106-58, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552(a); 18 USC 847; 18 USC 921 to 931; 44 USC

3504(h)

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: ATF will amend the regulations to implement the provision of Public Law 106-58, Treasury and **General Government Appropriations** Act, 2000, relating to the permanent provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. The new law allows a licensed pawnbroker to contact the national instant criminal background check system (NICS) prior to taking or receiving a firearm in pawn. If NICS advises the pawnbroker that receipt or possession of the firearm would be in violation of the law, the licensee must advise local law enforcement within 48 hours after receipt of information.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: Transferred from RIN 1512-AB83

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RIN: 1140-AA07

1829. IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAW 105–277 RELATING TO SECURE GUN STORAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 552(a); 18 USC 847; 18 USC 921 to 931; 44 USC

3504(h)

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: ATF will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking amending the regulations to implement the provisions of Public Law 105-277, Making

Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999. Regulations are proposed with regard to: 1) Certification by applicants for dealers' licenses that secure gun storage or safety devices will be available at any place where firearms are sold to nonlicensed individuals and 2) an amended definition of "antique firearm," to include certain muzzle loading firearms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Transferred

from RIN 1512-AC67

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RIN: 1140-AA10

1830. COMMERCE IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION—IMPORTATION OF FIREARM FRAMES, RECEIVERS, AND BARRELS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 18 USC 847; 18 USC

921–931; 44 USC 3504(h)

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to clarify the provision of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA) that generally prohibits the importation of any frame, receiver, or barrel of a firearm that would be prohibited if assembled. This rule also amends ATF regulations to permit the importation of nonimportable firearm frames, receivers, or barrels under limited circumstances where the importation is solely for repair or replacement and not forthe assembly of a new firearm that

would be prohibited if assembled.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: James P. Ficaretta, Program Manager, Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20226 Phone: 202 927–8203

RIN: 1140–AA22

1831. • MACHINE GUNS, DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES, AND CERTAIN OTHER FIREARMS – AMENDED DEFINITION OF "PISTOL"

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 26 USC 7805 CFR Citation: 27 CFR 479 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Justice is proposing to amend the regulations relating to machine guns, destructive devices, and certain other firearms regulated under the National Firearms Act for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to restore language in the definition of the term "pistol" that was inadvertently removed in 1988. The added language is necessary to clarify that certain weapons, including any gadget device, any gun altered or converted to resemble a pistol or any gun that fires more than one shot without manual reloading by a single function of the trigger are not pistols and are classified as "any other weapon" under the National Firearms Act (NFA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Proposed Rule Stage

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1832. • COMMERCE IN EXPLOSIVES— AMENDED DEFINITION OF PROPELLANT ACTUATED DEVICE

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 18 USC 847 CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Justice is proposing to amend the regulations of

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to clarify that the term "propellant actuated device" does not include hobby rocket motors or rocket-motor reload kits consisting of or containing ammonium perchlorate composite propellant (APCP), black powder, or other similar low explosives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1140-AA24

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

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1833. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE EXPLOSIVES ACT, TITLE XI, SUBTITLE C, OF PUBLIC LAW 107–296

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 107-296, title XI,

subtitle C

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May

24, 2003.

Abstract: ATF is amending the regulations to implement the provisions of the Safe Explosives Act, title XI, subtitle C, of Public Law 107-296, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (enacted November 25, 2002). This interim rule implements the law which, among other things: (1) Requires that all persons receiving explosives on and after May 24, 2003, obtain a Federal license or permit, and creates a new type of permit, the "limited permit;" (2) requires applicants for licenses and permits to provide as partof their application the names and appropriate identifying information regarding employees authorized to possess explosives as well as fingerprints and photographs of "responsible persons;" (3) extends the time for ATF to act on an application for a license or permit from 45 days to 90 days; (4) authorizes warrantless inspections of places of storage maintained by applicants for limited permits and holders of limited permits; (5) provides that only licensees and holders of user permits must post their licenses and permits and make them available for inspection; (6) requires that ATF conduct background checks on responsible persons and employees authorized to possess

explosive materials; (7) specifies additional categories of persons who may not lawfully receive or possess explosive materials, i.e., aliens (other than permanent resident aliens and other excepted aliens), persons dishonorably discharged from the military, and persons who have renounced their U.S. citizenship; (8) broadens the interstate commerce element of the prohibited persons section of the law to specify that a violation is committed if possession of explosive materials affects interstate or foreign commerce; (9) provides ATF the authority to require licensed manufacturers and licensed importers and persons who manufacture or import explosive materials or ammonium nitrate to provide samples, information on chemical composition, and other information relevant to the identification of the product; (10) broadens the scope of a criminal violation of the law to include any institution or organization receiving Federal financial assistance within the categories of property covered by the violation; (11) expands ATF's authority to grant relief from disabilities to all categories of prohibited persons; and (12) adds a new theft-reporting violation, providing felony penalties for a licensee or permittee who fails to report thefts of explosives within 24 hours of discovery.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/20/03	68 FR 13768
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/18/03	
Final Action	06/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Related to RIN

1140-AA20

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RIN: 1140–AA00

1834. COMMERCE IN EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDING EXPLOSIVES IN THE FIREWORKS INDUSTRY) (RULEMAKING RESULTING FROM A SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 18 USC 847 CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: ATF is proposing to amend the regulations, in part, pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), which requires an agency to review within 10 years of publication, rules for which an agency prepared a final regulatory flexibility analysis addressing the impact of the rule on small businesses or other small entities. Based on comments received in response to the RFA analysis, this notice proposes amendments to the explosives regulations relating to fireworks. The notice also proposes amendments to the regulations that have been initiated by ATF, as well as amendments that have

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been proposed by members of the explosives industry

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
General Notice of Regulatory Review	01/10/97	62 FR 1386
NPRM	01/29/03	68 FR 4406
NPRM Comment Period End	04/29/03	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/23/03	68 FR 37109
NPRM Reopened Comment Period End	07/07/03	
Final Action	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: Transferred from RIN 1512-AB48

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RIN: 1140-AA01

1835. IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS PLACED ON IMPORTED EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 18 USC 847 CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: ATF is proposing to amend the regulations to require licensed importers to identify by marking all imported explosive materials. ATF is also proposing to incorporate into the regulations the provisions of ATF Ruling 75-35, relating to methods of marking containers of explosive materials. In addition, ATF is proposing to amend the regulations to remove the requirement that a licensee or permittee file for an amended license or permit in order to change the class of explosive materials described in their license or permit from a lower to a higher classification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/13/00	65 FR 67669
ANPRM Comment Period End	01/12/01	
NPRM	10/16/02	67 FR 63862

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/14/03	
Final Action	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Transferred

from RIN 1512-AC25

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RIN: 1140-AA02

1836. COMMERCE IN EXPLOSIVES— EXPLOSIVE PEST CONTROL DEVICES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 847 CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: ATF is proposing to amend the explosive regulations to provide a limited exemption from the requirements of part 555 for wildlife

requirements of part 555 for wildlife pest control devices that are used for agricultural and other pest control operations.

operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/29/03	68 FR 4402
NPRM Comment Period End	02/28/03	
Final Action	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Transferred from RIN 1512-AC80

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Phone: 202 927–8203

RIN: 1140-AA03

1837. COMMERCE IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION (OMNIBUS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1997)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 18 USC 847; 18 USC

921 to 931

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 contains amendments to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. chapter 44). These amendments add to the category of 'prohibited persons" anyone convicted of a "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence." The amendments require individuals acquiring handguns from Federal firearms licensees to certify (in accordance with the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act) that they have not been convicted of such a crime. The amendments also provide for sales between Federal firearms licensees of curio and relic firearms away from their licensed premises.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/30/98	63 FR 35551
Interim Final Rule	06/30/98	63 FR 35520
NPRM Comment	09/28/98	
Period End		
Final Action	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None **Additional Information:** Transferred from RIN 1512-AB64

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RIN: 1140–AA04

1838. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS ACQUIRING FIREARMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552(a); 18 USC 847; 18 USC 921 to 931; 44 USC

3504(h)

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The interim rule amends the regulations to provide for a firearms

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purchaser's affirmative statement of his or her State of residence on ATF Form 4473 (Firearms Transaction Record) and ATF Form 5300.35 (Statement of Intent to Obtain a Handgun) in acquiring a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee. The interim rule also amends the regulations to require that aliens purchasing firearms provide proof of residency through the use of substantiating documentation, such as utility bills or a lease agreement. In addition, the regulations were amended to require that licensees examine a photo identification document from aliens purchasing firearms. These regulations implement firearms initiatives intended to protect the American public from gun violence.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/21/97	62 FR 19446
Interim Final Rule	04/21/97	62 FR 19442
NPRM Comment Period End	07/21/97	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/21/97	
Final Action	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None **Additional Information:** Transferred

from RIN 1512-AB66

Agency Contact: James Ficaretta, Program Manager, Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20226 Phone: 202 927–8203

RIN: 1140-AA05

1839. PUBLIC LAW 105–277, MAKING OMNIBUS CONSOLIDATED AND EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY '99 RELATING TO FIREARMS DISABILITIES FOR NONIMMIGRANT ALIENS

 $\textbf{Priority:} \ Substantive, \ Nonsignificant$

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552(a); 18 USC 847; 18 USC 921 to 931; 44 USC

3504(h)

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the regulations to implement the provisions of Public Law 105-277, Making Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999. The regulations implement the law by prohibiting, with certain exceptions, the transfer to and possession of firearms by aliens admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/05/02	67 FR 5428
Interim Final Rule	02/05/02	67 FR 5422
NPRM Comment Period End	05/06/02	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	05/06/02	
Final Rule	03/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Transferred from RIN 1512-AB93

Agency Contact: James Ficaretta, Program Manager, Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20226 Phone: 202 927–8203

RIN: 1140-AA08

1840. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE EXPLOSIVES ACT, TITLE XI, SUBTITLE C, OF PUBLIC LAW 107-296—DELIVERY OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS BY COMMON OR CONTRACT CARRIER

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 107-296, title XI,

subtitle C

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May

24, 2003.

Abstract: This rule amends current regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to remove the requirement that common or contract carriers taking possession of explosive materials for delivery to a licensee or permittee complete ATF Form 5400.8 (Explosives Delivery Record) prior to taking possession of explosive materials, regardless of whether they are hired by the distributor or by the distributee. ATF believes that this requirement is unduly burdensome and unnecessary. Furthermore, ATF does not believe that the elimination of this form will result in diversion of explosive materials to criminal or terrorist use. ATF will continue to require distributors of explosive materials to verify the identity of persons accepting possession of explosive materials for common or contract carriers, and will require distributors to record the name of the common or contract carrier and the full name of the driver in their permanent records.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/11/03	68 FR 53509
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/11/03	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/14/03	
Final Action	06/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Related to RIN

1140-AA00

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Phone: 202 927–8203 RIN: 1140–AA20 Department of Justice (DOJ)

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

Long-Term Actions

1841. IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAW 104-208. THE OMNIBUS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS **ACT OF 1997, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL** REPOSITORY FOR ARSON AND **EXPLOSIVES INFORMATION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 555

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/15/01	66 FR 57404
NPRM Comment Period End	02/13/02	
Final Rule	12/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: James Ficaretta

Phone: 202 927-8203 **RIN:** 1140-AA06

1842. WAIVER FOR FIREARM PROHIBITION ON NONIMMIGRANT **VISA HOLDERS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: James P. Ficaretta

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RIN: 1140-AA21

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)

Completed Actions

1843. COMMERCE IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION—ANNUAL INVENTORY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 27 CFR 478

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	01/27/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James Ficaretta

Phone: 202 927-8203 RIN: 1140-AA09

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

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1844. GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO **OCEAN VESSELS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 21 USC 871(b) CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is considering whether to propose amending its regulations regarding the supply of controlled substances to ocean vessels to provide a means of supply more consistent with current industry practices for other materials. The decision on whether to propose amendments will be based on the information and comments submitted in response to this notice of proposed rulemaking and DEA's experience with the existing procedures and practices for supplying controlled substances to ocean vessels.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/18/96	61 FR 49086
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/18/96	
NPRM	08/00/04	

Action Date FR Cite **NPRM Comment** 10/00/04 Period End

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-142 Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good,

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Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, Washington, DC

20537

Phone: 202 307-7297

RIN: 1117-AA40

1845. ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC

829; 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1306 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing to revise its regulations to permit DEA-registered prescribers to electronically write, sign, and transmit prescriptions. These proposed regulations would be an addition to, not a replacement of, the existing rules. These regulations are needed to give pharmacies, hospitals, and practitioners the ability to use modern technology for controlled substance prescriptions, while maintaining the closed system of distribution of controlled substances dispensing. The proposed regulations would reduce paperwork and transaction times for DEA registrants who dispense or prescribe controlled substances. The proposed regulations would also reduce the number of prescription errors caused by illegible handwriting and misunderstood oral prescriptions. They would allow pharmacies and hospitals to integrate prescription records into other medical records more directly, increasing efficiency, and would reduce the time patients spend waiting to have prescriptions filled. These proposed regulations are consistent with

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paperwork reduction mandates. These proposed regulations also respond to the requirements of Public Law 106-229, the "Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act," while ensuring security and authentication. In a separate related rulemaking (RIN 1117-AA60), DEA is proposing to revise its regulations to provide the option of ordering Schedule I and II controlled substances electronically in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)(21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/05/01	66 FR 13274
NPRM	08/00/04	
NPRM Comment	11/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-214

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA60

RIN: 1117-AA61

1846. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HANDLERS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, EPHEDRINE, AND PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1309

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing to require that manufacturers, distributors, importers, and exporters of pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine implement security procedures similar to those of Schedules III through V controlled substances to prevent the theft and diversion of these List I chemicals. Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine are used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine, and

phenylpropanolamine is used in the illegal manufacture of amphetamine.

The vast majority of these clandestine laboratories were producing methamphetamine using over-the-counter regulated drug products. Some of the product found at these clandestine laboratories came from thefts at manufacturers, distributors, importers, and exporters. Almost all of the reports of List I chemical thefts reported to DEA in the past few years have involved pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine.

Therefore, to address the problem of diversion of pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine through theft, DEA is proposing that manufacturers, distributors, importers, and exporters of these three chemicals implement security procedures similar to those now used by registrants handling Schedules III through V controlled substances. These procedures include the storage of substances in a secure safe or steel cabinet, cage, or room and installation of a monitored alarm system linked to a central location. DEA will also be seeking input regarding alternative means to effectively prevent the theft and diversion of these products. Keeping pseudoephedrine, ephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine products in such secure areas will limit the opportunity for theft.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/04 08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-211

Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, Washington, DC

20537

Phone: 202 307–7297 **RIN:** 1117–AA62

1847. REORGANIZATION AND CLARIFICATION OF DEA REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1300; 21 CFR 1301; 21 CFR 1302; 21 CFR 1303; 21 CFR 1304; 21 CFR 1305; 21 CFR 1306; 21 CFR 1307; 21 CFR 1308; 21 CFR 1309; 21 CFR 1310; 21 CFR 1312; 21

Legal Deadline: None

CFR 1313; ...

Abstract: DEA is proposing a revision and reorganization of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, chapter II. These regulations relate to the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, importation, and exportation of controlled substances and the manufacture, distribution, importation, and exportation of listed chemicals. This action is being taken to further clarify and reorganize the current regulations. The regulations will be drafted in plain language to make them easier to understand.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	
NPRM Comment	02/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-221 Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, Washington, DC

Phone: 202 307–7297 **RIN:** 1117–AA63

20537

1848. CHEMICAL MIXTURES CONTAINING GAMMA-BUTYROLACTONE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 21 USC 802; 21 USC

830; 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1310 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In previous rulemakings, DEA made gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) a List I chemical and established thresholds for transactions involving DOJ—DEA Proposed Rule Stage

this chemical. DEA has requested information from interested persons in order to establish regulations governing chemical mixtures containing gammabutyrolactone (GBL), a List I chemical. Currently, all chemical mixtures containing GBL are exempt from regulation. These mixtures will remain exempt until publication of rulemakings regarding chemical mixtures (see RIN 1117-AA31). GBL is used in the illicit manufacture of GHB, a Schedule I controlled substance. Specifically, DEA is seeking information on the types of products containing GBL; the concentration levels of GBL in the product formulations; and the packaging, distribution, use, and commercial availability of these products. This information will help to determine whether there are chemical mixtures containing GBL which should be exempt from the regulations governing listed chemicals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/19/02	67 FR 47493
Correction	08/19/02	67 FR 53842
Correction	09/05/02	67 FR 56776
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/17/02	
NPRM	10/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-222

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA31,

Related to 1117–AA52 RIN: 1117–AA64

1849. CHEMICAL MIXTURES CONTAINING LISTED FORMS OF PHOSPHORUS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 802; 21 USC

830; 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1310 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In a previous rulemaking, (RIN 1117-AA57) DEA made red phosphorus, white phosphorus, and hypophosphorous acid (and its salts) List I chemicals. By this rulemaking (1117-AA66), DEA is requesting information from interested parties to propose regulations governing chemical mixtures containing the List I chemicals red phosphorus, white phosphorus, and hypophosphorous acid (and its salts). Currently, all chemical mixtures containing red phosphorus, white phosphorus, and hypophosphorous acid (and its salts) are exempt from regulation. These mixtures will remain exempt until publication of rulemakings regarding chemical mixtures (see RIN 1117-AA31). These three List I chemicals are used industrially and have multiple commercial purposes. They are also used in the illicit production of methamphetamine and amphetamine. Information sought will help determine whether there are chemical mixtures containing red phosphorus, white phosphorus, and hypophosphorous acid (and its salts), which should be exempt from the regulations governing listed chemicals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/31/03	68 FR 4968
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/01/03	
NPRM	10/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Reguired: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-228

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA31,

Related to 1117-AA57

RIN: 1117-AA66

1850. CHEMICAL REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION FEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 958

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1309

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On December 1, 1999, DEA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (see RIN 1117-AA50) regarding its chemical registration and reregistration fees. Subsequent to publication of this rule, DEA's investigative activities increased. As has been previously noted elsewhere, costs for investigative activities including, but not limited to, extensive investigation and collection of documentation of violative practices by registrants, attorney review and preparation by DEA's Office of Chief Counsel, staff and attorney time to prepare for proceedings to deny or revoke a registration, and Administrative Law Judge and staff to conduct registration denial hearings were not included in previous fee calculations. Due to the increased costs associated with these investigative activities, DEA is reevaluating the costs of the chemical control program and calculating new fees to incorporate these increased costs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-235

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20537

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA50

RIN: 1117-AA72

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1851. CLARIFICATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 871 (b); ...

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is publishing this rule to clarify its registration requirements regarding practitioners practicing in more than one State. There is confusion within the regulated industry regarding whether a practitioner who practices and is registered in one State and wishes to practice and prescribe in another State must register with DEA in the second State. To address the confusion caused by the regulation as currently written, DEA is proposing to amend its regulations to make it clear that when an individual practitioner who practices and is registered in one State seeks to practice and prescribe controlled substances in another State, he/she must obtain a separate DEA registration for the subsequent State.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-224

Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, Washington, DC 20537

Phone: 202 307–7297 **RIN:** 1117–AA89

1852. • CONTROL OF SODIUM PERMANGANATE AS A LIST II CHEMICAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 21 USC 802; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 890

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1310 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing the addition of sodium permanganate as a

List II chemical because of its direct substitutability for the List II chemical potassium permanganate in the illicit production of cocaine. The rulemaking also proposes that a threshold of 55 kilograms and 500 kilograms be established for domestic and international transactions, respectively.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/04	
NPRM Comment	11/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: Docket No.

DEA-254

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RIN: 1117–AA90

1853. • ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND LISTED CHEMICAL REGISTRATION: TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877: 21 USC 958

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301; 21 CFR

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is amending its regulations to acknowledge the use of the electronic equivalent to the DEA official paper registration application forms, which are legally required for every person who manufactures, distributes, dispenses, imports, or exports any controlled substance. The use of electronic application forms will reduce paperwork and transaction times for DEA registrants who choose to apply for controlled substances registration electronically. Electronic application for registration is in addition to, not a replacement of, the current paper-based application system.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Docket No.

DEA-256

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Phone: 202 307–7297 **RIN:** 1117–AA91

1854. • REVISION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF LIST I AND LIST II CHEMICALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 21 USC 802; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 971

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1313 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is modifying its regulations to require importers and exporters of List I and List II chemicals to submit a DEA Form 486 upon completion of an import or export transaction so as to reflect the exact amount shipped/received and any import or export amendments to certain fields on the Form 486. If no amendments were made to the information contained in the original Form 486, then no subsequent Form 486 need be submitted. The amendments will provide for accurate reporting of actual amounts of List I and List II chemicals imported into and exported from the United States. These reports will ensure the proper documentation and reporting necessary to meet United Nations reporting requirements and to prevent diversion of such listed chemicals to illegal purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/05	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Docket No.

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Department of Justice (DOJ)

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Final Rule Stage

1855. DEFINITION AND REGISTRATION OF REVERSE **DISTRIBUTORS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822: 21 USC 823: 21 USC 824: 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In years past, most pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers, as a service to their customers, accepted returns of outdated/damaged merchandise. Also, agencies such as DEA and State Boards of Pharmacy accepted surrendered drugs or witnessed their disposal by controlled substance registrants. Over the past several years, environmental concerns and regulations have eliminated many of the disposal options that had been available. As a result, drug producers and government agencies alike are increasingly reluctant to be involved in the disposal process. Due to these factors and the time and resources expended by DEA and manufacturers, DEA is establishing this essential link in the legitimate distribution chain.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/23/95	60 FR 43732
NPRM Comment Period End	10/23/95	
Interim Final Rule	07/11/03	68 FR 41222
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/11/03	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/09/03	
Final Action	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-108 Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Department of Justice, Drug

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RIN: 1117-AA19

1856. EXEMPTION OF CHEMICAL **MIXTURES**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 802; 21 USC

830; 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1310

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 removed the exemption from regulation for chemical mixtures. Chemical mixtures are now regulated, unless specifically exempted by the Administrator. In the proposed rule regarding the implementation of the Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993, DEA proposed regulations regarding exemption of chemical mixtures. Based on industry comments, the proposed regulations were subsequently withdrawn for reassessment and consultation with industry. Based on extensive consultations with industry, DEA has published proposed regulations intended to establish the least possible burden on industry while remaining consistent with the requirements of the law. Comments received on the proposed regulations are currently being reviewed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/16/98	63 FR 49506
NPRM Comment Period End	04/16/99	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	09/12/99	64 FR 7144
Final Action	12/00/04	

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NPRM 09/16/98 (63 FR 49506) NPRM Comment Period End 04/16/99 NPRM Comment Period Extended 09/12/99 (64 FR 7144) Transferred to RIN 1117-AA31 05/05/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA Docket

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TRANSFERRED RIN: This rulemaking RIN 1117-AA31 (a former "parent" RIN) continues the "child" rulemaking previously listed in its timetable as RIN . 1117-AA76. Former RIN 1117-AA76 was transferred to RIN 1117-AA31 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is not a new action.

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RIN: 1117-AA31

1857. CHEMICAL REGISTRATION AND **REREGISTRATION FEES**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871 (b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877; 21 USC 958

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1309 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In December 1999, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) proposed to amend its application fees for registration and reregistration of manufacturers, distributors, importers, and exporters of List I chemicals, as authorized by section 3(a) of the

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Domestic Chemical Diversion Control Act of 1993 (DCDCA), reducing the fees from \$595.00 to \$326.00 for initial registration, and the reregistration fees from \$477.00 to \$171.00. Fees for retail registrants were proposed to increase from \$255.00 to \$326.00 for registration, and from \$116.00 to \$171.00 for reregistration. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-25 requires a periodic review of user charges for agency programs. Subsequent to publication, concerns were raised about costs included in this user fee.

As DEA has noted in previous rulemakings on this subject, certain costs for investigative activities have not been included in previous fees. Specifically, costs for investigative activities including, but not limited to, extensive investigation and collection of documentation of violative practices by registrants, attorney review and preparation by DEA's Office of Chief Counsel, staff and attorney time to prepare for proceedings to deny or revoke a registration, and Administrative Law Judge and staff to conduct registration denial hearings were not included in previous fee calculations. Costs for these investigative activities have risen as DEA activities have increased necessitating the re-evaluation of this user fee. Based on these concerns, DEA will be publishing a notice to formally withdraw the rulemaking. For purposes of clarity, DEA will withdraw this rulemaking at the same time as it publishes a new NPRM fee rule (see RIN 1117-AA72).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/99	64 FR 67216
NPRM Comment Period End	01/31/00	
Notice Withdrawing Rulemaking	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-185

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA72

RIN: 1117–AA50

1858. EXEMPTION FROM IMPORT/EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONAL MEDICAL USE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877; 21 USC 956

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing to amend its regulations to restrict to 50 dosage units the total quantity of Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances that may be imported for personal medical use by United States (U.S.) residents entering the U.S. A dosage unit is considered by DEA to be the basic unit used to quantify the amount to be taken in normal usage. The proposed 50 dosage unit limit would not apply to a U.S. resident who has a valid U.S. practitioner's prescription. This proposed rulemaking implements and extends the provisions of the **Controlled Substances Trafficking** Prohibition Act of 1998.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/11/03	68 FR 53529
NPRM Comment Period End	11/10/03	
Final Action	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA-192

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RIN: 1117–AA56

1859. ELECTRONIC ORDERS FOR SCHEDULE I AND II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 21 USC 821; 21 USC 827; 21 USC 828; 21 USC 871(b); 21

USC 958(e); 21 USC 965

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1304; 21 CFR

1305

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing to revise its regulations to provide the option of ordering Schedule I and II controlled substances electronically in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.). The regulations will propose that this electronic system may also be used for controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, and V. These proposed regulations would be in addition to, not a replacement of, the existing rules. These regulations are needed to give manufacturers, distributors, importers, exporters, pharmacies, and hospitals the option to use modern technology for controlled substance transactions. The proposed regulations would reduce paperwork and transaction times for DEA registrants who distribute, purchase, or handle controlled substances. These proposed regulations are consistent with paperwork reduction mandates. These proposed regulations also respond to the requirements of Public Law 106-229, the "Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act," while maintaining a closed system of distribution of controlled substances and ensuring security and authentication. In a separate related rulemaking (RIN 1117-AA61), DEA is proposing to revise its regulations to permit DEA-registered prescribers to electronically write, sign, and transmit prescriptions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/27/03	68 FR 38558
NPRM Comment Period End	09/25/03	
Final Action Electronic Orders for	09/00/04 or Schedule	e I and II
Controlled Substances (1117-AA86)		
ANPRM 03/05/0	1 (66 FR 13	274)
NPRM 06/27/03		

NPRM Comment Period End 09/25/03

Transferred to RIN 1117-AA60 05/05/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: ANPRM: DEA-214

NPRM: DEA 217 Notice: DEA-224

TRANSFERRED RIN: This rulemaking RIN 1117-AA60 (a former "parent" RIN) continues the "child" rulemaking previously listed in its timetable as RIN 1117-AA86. Former RIN 1117-AA86 was transferred to RIN 1117-AA60 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is not a new action.

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Related RIN: Related to 1117-AA61

RIN: 1117–AA60

1860. CHEMICAL REGISTRATION WAIVERS; EXEMPTION FROM CHEMICAL REGISTRATION FEES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877; 21 USC 958

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1309; 21 CFR

1310

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing amending its regulations to waive the requirement of registration for contract processors, medical/first aid kit providers, distributors of sample packages of drug products, and distributors of research/reference standards. These actions are being taken in response to industry comments and suggestions. DEA has determined that requiring registration for these activities is not necessary for effective enforcement under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and waiving the requirement of registration will ease regulatory burdens for the affected industries. DEA is also proposing exempting charitable organizations and governmental entities from initial and renewal registration fees. These fee

exemptions will bring the chemical regulations into conformance with the controlled substances regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/25/03	68 FR 66052
NPRM Comment Period End	01/26/04	
Final Action	01/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Federal,

Local, State

Additional Information: DEA-189

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1861. AUTHORITY FOR PRACTITIONERS TO DISPENSE OR PRESCRIBE APPROVED NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES FOR MAINTENANCE OR DETOXIFICATION TREATMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 829; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877; 21 USC 956

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301; 21 CFR

1306

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is proposing amendments to its regulations to implement the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA). These amendments would allow qualified practitioners to dispense and prescribe narcotic controlled substances approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) specifically for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment.

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and current regulations require that practitioners who want to conduct maintenance or detoxification treatment using narcoticcontrolled substances be registered with DEA as narcotic treatment programs (NTPS) in addition to the practitioners' personal registrations. The separate NTP registrations authorize the practitioners to dispense or administer, but not

prescribe, narcotic controlled substances.

These regulations establish an exemption from the separate registration requirement for qualified practitioners dispensing or prescribing Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic controlled substances approved by the FDA specifically for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment. This NPRM would allow "qualifying physicians," whether they are already registered as NTPs or not, to dispense and prescribe Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic controlled substances or combinations of controlled substances approved by FDA specifically for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/24/03	68 FR 37429
NPRM Comment Period End	09/23/03	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-202 Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good,

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1862. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG PRODUCTS CONTAINING GAMMA HYDROXYBUTYRIC ACID (GHB)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 802; 21 USC 821; 21 USC 827; 21 USC 829; 21 USC 830; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 958; 21 USC 965: . . .

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1304; 21 CFR 1306; 21 CFR 1310

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is publishing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to amend its regulations to require additional recordkeeping and reporting requirements for drug products DOJ—DEA Final Rule Stage

containing gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) for which an application has been approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The Hillary J. Farias and Samantha Reid Date-Rape Drug Prohibition Act of 2000 establishes specific reporting and recordkeeping requirements with respect to the distribution and dispensing of drug products containing GHB.

This NPRM proposes recordkeeping requirements for practitioners dispensing Schedule III GHB drug products and reporting requirements for manufacturers and distributors of Schedule III GHB drug products. Specifically, this NPRM would require pharmacies and practitioners dispensing GHB to maintain and make available for inspection the name of the prescribing practitioner, the prescribing practitioner's Federal and State registration numbers with expiration dates, verification that the prescribing practitioner possesses appropriate registration, the patient's insurance provider, if available, as well as the patient's medical need for the drug. This NPRM also proposes to include Schedule III GHB drug products as controlled substances that must be reported under the Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System (ARCOS).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/25/03	68 FR 66048
NPRM Comment Period End	01/26/04	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-234

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1863. REPORTS BY REGISTRANTS OF THEFT OR SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 823; 21 USC 824; 21 USC 871(b); 21 USC 875; 21 USC 877; ...

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: DEA is amending its regulations to clarify its policy regarding reports by registrants of theft or significant loss of controlled substances. There has been some confusion as to what constitutes a significant loss, and when and how initial notice of a theft or loss should be provided to DEA. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes the clarification of DEA regulations and provides guidance to registrants regarding the theft, significant loss, and explained loss of controlled substances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/08/03	68 FR 40576
NPRM Comment Period End	09/08/03	
Final Action	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: DEA 196

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RIN: 1117-AA73

1864. PREVENTING THE ACCUMULATION OF SURPLUS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 21 USC 802; 21 USC 821; 21 USC 822; 21 USC 871(b)

CFR Citation: 21 CFR 1300; 21 CFR 1301; 21 CFR 1304; 21 CFR 1307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To address the accumulation of excess controlled substances at longterm care facilities (LTCFs), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is proposing to permit the use of automated dispensing systems operated by provider pharmacies. Specifically, this proposed rule would permit a DEA-registered pharmacy to register at a LTCF (without any additional registration fees) and to store controlled substances in the automated dispensing system at the LTCF. The use of automated dispensing systems would allow dispensing of single dosage units of prescribed controlled substances, provide electronic records of each dispensing, and mitigate the problem of excess stocks of controlled substances at the LTCF and the disposal of those stocks.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/03/03	68 FR 62255
NPRM Comment Period End	01/02/04	
Final Action	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Additional Information: DEA-240 Agency Contact: Patricia M. Good, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section,

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Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)

Proposed Rule Stage

1865. AUTHORITY OF IMMIGRATION JUDGES TO ISSUE CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 3 CFR, 1949 to 1953 Comp, p 1002; 8 USC 1103; 8 USC 1252 note; 8 USC 1101 note; 8 USC 1362; 28 USC 509; 8 USC 1324b; 28 USC 510; 28 USC 1746; Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950, sec 2

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes to amend the regulations by implementing the statutory authority given to Immigration Judges to sanction by civil money penalty any action or inaction in contempt of the Judge's proper exercise of authority. This statutory authority is derived from section 304 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, Public Law 104-208 (IIRIRA), September 30, 1996. This rule sets forth the types of conduct for which civil money penalty sanctions may be imposed, the procedures for imposing these sanctions, the affirmative defenses which may excuse the imposition of a civil money penalty sanction, and the procedures for appealing such sanctions. The rule also adds an additional ground for disciplinary sanctions under 8 CFR section 3.102 for engaging in a pattern and practice of conduct which has been found to be in contempt of the Immigration Judge's proper exercise of authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: ${
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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125-AA18

1866. SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION AND CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN BATTERED SPOUSES AND CHILDREN; MOTIONS TO REOPEN FOR CERTAIN BATTERED SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1101 note; 8 USC 1103; 8 USC 1182; 8 USC 1186a; 8 USC 1224 to 1227; 8 USC 1251; 8 USC 1252 note; 8 USC 1251a; 8 USC 1252b; 8 USC 1324b; 8 USC 1362; 28 USC 509 to 510; 28 USC 1746; Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950; 3 CFR 1949 to 1953 Comp, sec 2; PL 105–100, sec 202–203; PL 105–277, sec 902; PL 106–386, sec 1506; PL 106–554, sec 1505; PL 106–554, sec 1510; 8 CFR 2;

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003; 8 CFR 1240

Legal Deadline: None

8 CFR 3; 8 CFR 240

Abstract: This rule amends Department regulations by establishing procedures incorporating the amended requirements of cancellation of removal for battered spouses and children under 240A(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), and suspension of deportation under former section 244(a)(3) of the Act (as it existed before April 1, 1997), which were amended by section 1504 of the Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 2000

This rule also amends Department regulations by establishing procedures for certain battered spouses and children to reopen their removal or deportation proceedings to apply for the relief of cancellation of removal or suspension of deportation under 240(c)(6)(C)(iv) of the Act (as amended by section 1506 of the Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 2000).

Additionally, this rule establishes procedures which must be followed by EOIR when an alien applies for a domestic violence victim waiver under section 237(a)(7) of the Act (as amended by section1505(b) of the Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act of 2000).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125-AA35

1867. REQUIRING IDENTITY, BACKGROUND, AND SECURITY CHECKS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1101 note, 1103, 1182, 1186a, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1251, 1252 note, 1252a, 1252b, 1324b, 1362; 28 USC 509, 510, 1746; sec 2, Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950; 3 CFR, 1949 to 1953 Comp, p 1002; secs 202 and 203 of PL 105–100, 111 Stat 2160, 2193, 2196–200; sec 902, PL 105–277, 112 Stat 2681; secs 1506 and 1510 of PL 106–386, 114 Stat 1527–29, 1531–32; sec 1505 of PL 106–554, 114 Stat 2763A–326 to 2763A–328

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule amends regulations governing the Executive Office for Immigration Review to ensure completion of identity, background, and security checks before the immigration judges and the Board adjudicate applications for lawful permanent resident status have expired or are otherwise incomplete. This rule is necessary to ensure that all such applicants are not otherwise inadmissible to or deportable from the United States and are eligible for relief from removal, before becoming an asylee or a lawful permanent resident in the United States and to minimize the threats an asylee or lawful permanent resident may present to public safety or national security.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

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1868. INTERNATIONAL MATCHMAKING ORGANIZATIONS; **CIVIL PENALTIES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1101, 1103, 1324a, 1324b, 1324c, 1375b; PL 101-410, 104 Stat 890, as amended by PL 104-134, 110 Stat 1321; 5 USC 301, 554

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1270

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the Department of Justice regulations by specifying the procedures for adjudicating alleged violations by international matchmaking organizations (IMOs) doing business in the United States, in failing to provide required information to persons recruited for matchmaking through these entities. This rule implements the procedures for the disposition of cases arising under section 652 of Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. This rule is necessary to deter fraudulent marriages and the exploitation of recruits by IMOs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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Related RIN: Related to 1615-AA11

RIN: 1125-AA45

1869. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NUMERICAL LIMIT ON ASYLUM **GRANTS AND REFUGEE ADMISSION BASED ON RESISTANCE TO** COERCIVE POPULATION CONTROL **MEASURES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1101; 1103; 1157; 1158; 1226; 1252; 1282

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1208 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 601(b) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) provides that, for any fiscal year, not more than a total of 1,000 refugees may be admitted or granted asylum based solely on resistance to coercive

population control measures. This rule authorizes the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Office for Immigration Review to make conditional grants of asylum in those cases in which an applicant is found to merit asylum solely on the basis of resistance to coercive population control measures and establishes a mechanism for converting no more than 1,000 conditional grants per fiscal year to final asylum grants. The rule also establishes procedures for administering a waiting list in those years that the number of conditional grants exceeds the statutory limit for final grants, reserves a certain number of authorization numbers for purposes of refugee admission, and addresses procedures for administering derivative conditional grants, terminating conditional grants, and other procedures specific to this rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment	01/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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Related RIN: Split from 1615–AA37

RIN: 1125-AA48

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Final Rule Stage

1870. SUSPENSION OF **DEPORTATION AND CANCELLATION** OF REMOVAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1103; 8 USC 1182; 8 USC 1186a; 8 USC 1224 to 1227; 8 USC 1251 to 1252; 8 USC 1362; PL 105-100, sec 202

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1240 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the regulations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review by eliminating the conditional grant process at 8 CFR 1240.21 and establishing a permanent procedure for processing suspension of deportation and cancellation of removal cases. This rule is necessary to implement the numerical limitation on suspension of deportation and cancellation of removal and adjustment of status imposed by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant

Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) and theNicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act of 1997 (NACARA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/98	63 FR 52134
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/30/98	
Final Action	10/00/04	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1871. AUTHORITIES DELEGATED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1103; 8 USC 1252 note; 8 USC 1252b; 8 USC 1362; 28 USC 509 to 510; 28 USC 1746

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003; 8 CFR 1240

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule outlines the authorities and powers (and limitations thereto) delegated by the Attorney General to the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), the Chairman of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), and the Chief Immigration Judge. These authorities include such managerial responsibilities as: Issuing operational instructions, setting policies, providing for the training of staff, and ensuring the efficient disposition of cases. One of the limitations on the powers of the Director of EOIR, the Chairman of the BIA, and the Chief Immigration Judge is that they cannot direct the result of a case adjudication assigned to someone else.

Additionally, this rule makes technical amendments to better describe EOIR's components: The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge (OCIJ), and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/26/00	65 FR 81434
NPRM Comment Period End	02/26/01	
Final Action	09/00/04	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1872. MOTIONS TO REOPEN FOR SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION AND SPECIAL RULE CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 1505(C) OF THE LIFE ACT AMENDMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1103, 1252 note, 1252b, 1324b, 1362; 28 USC 509 to 510; 28 USC 1746; sec 203 of PL 105–100; secs 1506 and 1510 of PL 106–386; sec 1505 of PL 106–554

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule amends the regulations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) by establishing a special procedure for the filing and adjudication of motions to reopen to apply for suspension of deportation and cancellation of removal pursuant to section 1505(c) of the Legal Immigration Family Equity Act Amendments of 2000 (LIFE Act Amendments). Motions to reopen under this rule must have been filed on or before October 16, 2001.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/17/01	66 FR 37119
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/17/01	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1873. SECTION 212(C) RELIEF FOR ALIENS WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS BEFORE APRIL 1, 1997

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 8 USC 1103; 8 USC 1182; 8 USC 1186a; 8 USC 1224 to 1227; 8 USC 1251; 8 USC 1252 note; 8 USC 1252a; 8 USC 1252b; PL 105–110, secs 202 to 203; PL 105–277,

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

sec 902; 8 CFR 2

Abstract: The rule amends the regulations of the EOIR and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by establishing procedures for certain lawful permanent residents (LPRs) with certain criminal convictions to apply for a waiver of inadmissibility pursuant to former section 212(c) of the INA. It is only applicable to certain LPRs whose convictions were prior to April 1, 1997. It applies to certain LPRs who have cases pending before EOIR or are under final administrative orders. This rule will broaden eligibility for INA section 212(c) relief in light of the recent Supreme Court decision in INS v. St. Cyr, 121 (S. Ct. 2271 (2001)).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/13/02	67 FR 52627
Correction	08/22/02	67 FR 54360
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/02	
Final Rule	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125–AA33

1874. PROTECTIVE ORDERS IN IMMIGRATION ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1101 note, 1103, 1231, 1252 note, 1252b, 1324b, 1253, 1362; 28 USC 509, 510, 1746; sec 2, Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950; 3 CFR 1949 to 1953 Comp, p

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1002; section 203 of PL 105–100, 111 Stat 2196–200; sections 1506 and 1510 of PL 106–386, 114 Stat 1527–29, 1531–32; section 1505 of PL 106–554, 114 Stat 2763A–326 to 2763A–328

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends regulations governing the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) by authorizing immigration judges to issue protective orders to limit public disclosure of sensitive law enforcement or national defense information during immigration proceedings. The rule is applicable in all proceedings before immigration judges but involves only a small number of cases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/28/02	67 FR 36799
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/29/02	
Final Action	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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1875. EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW ATTORNEY/REPRESENTATIVE REGISTRY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 8 USC 1362 CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1001.1; 8 CFR 1003.0

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule concerns the Attorney General's authority to authorize practitioners to represent aliens in immigration proceedings pursuant to statute. Under the pertinent statutory provision, aliens in immigration proceedings "shall have the privilege of being represented (at no expense to the government) by such counsel, authorized to practice in such proceedings, as he shall choose." 8 U.S.C. 1362

The proposed rule arises out of EOIR's electronic government initiatives which, when fully implemented, will enable electronic case access and filing for individuals in immigration proceedings before EOIR. In essence, the rule amends the current definitions of "attorney" and "representative," the classes of individuals authorized to represent aliens, to include only those persons who have registered with EOIR.

Additionally, the rule delegates authority to the Director to require such a registration, and to establish procedures for registration. In concert with that authority, the rule permits the Director to administratively suspend from practice before EOIR any practitioner who fails to comply with registration procedures and requirements.

Functionally, practitioners will be required to register with EOIR over a secure Internet connection, by providing name, address(es), date-of-birth, last four digits of social security number, and bar admission data. Registered practitioners will be assigned a unique User ID and password that will authorize them to conduct electronic transactions with EOIR from desktop personal computers.

Registration of practitioners assures the functionality, security, and success of EOIR's electronic government initiative, and serves as a prerequisite to electronic case access and filing by practitioners.

The proposed practitioner registration rule furnishes the Attorney General with the optimum measure of adaptability to establish the criteria and procedures for practitioner registration, while also preserving fairness for regulated parties and ensuring efficiency in government operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/03	68 FR 75160
NPRM Comment Period End	03/01/04	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125-AA39

1876. TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OVER APPEALS OF FINES FROM THE BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** Not Yet Determined **CFR Citation:** 8 CFR 1003; 8 CFR 1103; 8 CFR 1280

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule removes the Board of Immigration Appeals' (Board) jurisdiction over appeals of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) decisions involving administrative fines under part 280 of title 8 CFR, and transfers that authority to Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO). Part 280 governs the administration of fines under a variety of provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), most of which pertain to common carriers. Most of the appeals are fines imposedunder section 273 of the INA. The transfer is essentially a reallocation of Agency resources within the Executive Office for Immigration Review to improve caseload management by substituting a different set of decision makers, the OCAHO for the Board, while preserving the same procedures for the adjudication of appeals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/19/02	67 FR 7309
NPRM Comment Period End	03/21/02	
Final Rule	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Related RIN: Split from 1125–AA36

RIN: 1125–AA41

1877. DEFINITIONS; FEES; POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF DHS OFFICERS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 1101, 1103, 1182, 1221, 1225, 1226, 1251, 1252, 1357, 1362, 1304, 13246, 1356; 28 USC 509, 510, 1746; 5 USC 301: . . .

CFR Citation: None Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends regulations relating to the Executive Office for Immigration Review to conform with certain regulatory changes made by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for consistency and for the ease of the reader. This rule makes no substantive changes in the Department of Justice regulations, but makes appropriate revisions to the definitions and fee provisions and the regulations relating to issuance of notices to appear and subpoenas in the EOIR regulations, in order to avoid confusing and unnecessary duplication of provisions already set forth in the DHS regulations. Finally, this rule makes a technical change to 8 CFR 1003.1.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/00/04	
Interim Final Rule	10/00/04	
Comment Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125-AA43

1878. ASYLUM CLAIMS MADE BY ALIENS ARRIVING FROM CANADA AT LAND-BORDER PORTS-OF-ENTRY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1101 note, 1102, 1103, 1158, 1182 and note, 1184, 1186a, 1187, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1251, 1252, 1252a, 1252b, 1282, 1324b, 1362; 28 USC 509, 510, 1746; sec 2, Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950; 3 CFR, 1949 to 1953 Comp, p 1002; sec 202 and 203 of PL 105–100, 111 Stat 2196–200; secs 1506 and 1510 of PL 106–386, 114 Stat 1527 to 1529, 1531 to 1532; sec 1505 of PL 106–554, 114 Stat 2763A–326 to 2763A–328; sec 902, PL 105–277, 112 Stat 2681

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003; 8 CFR 1208; 8 CFR 1212; 8 CFR 1240

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule amends the rules governing removal proceedings and the review of the Department of Homeland Security determinations to implement the terms of a recently signed Safe Third Country Agreement between the United States and Canada. The terms of that Agreement provide that certain categories of aliens arriving from Canada at land border ports of entry or in transit from Canada will be returned to Canada for adjudication of their claims rather than having those claims heard in the United States. This proposed rule would establish the authority of immigration judges to apply this Agreement in removal proceedings and in reviewing negative determinations made by asylum officers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/08/04	69 FR 10627
NPRM Comment Period End	05/07/04	
Final Action	08/00/04	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Related RIN: Related to 1615-AA91

RIN: 1125-AA46

1879. REVIEW OF CUSTODY DETERMINATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 8 USC 1101 note, 1103, 1252 note, 1252b, 1282, 1324b, 1362; 28 USC 509, 510, 1746; sec 2, Reorg Plan No 2 of 1950; 3 CFR, 1949 to 1953 Comp, p 1002; sec 203 of PL 105–100, 111 Stat 2196–200; secs 1506 and 1510 of PL 106–386; 114 Stat 1527 to 1529, 1531 to 1532; sec. 1505 of PL 106–554, 114 Stat 2763A–326 to 2763A–328

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the regulations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, by revising the existing regulatory provision for a temporary automatic stay of an immigration judge's decision to order an alien's release in any case in which a district director has ordered that the alien be held without bond, or has set a bond of \$10,000 or more, to maintain the status quo while the Department of Homeland Security seeks expedited review of the custody order by the Board of Immigration Appeals or by the Attorney General.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/29/01	66 FR 54909
Interim Final Rule Interim Final Rule Comment Period Fnd	10/31/01 12/31/01	66 FR 54909
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1880. • REOPENED PROCEEDINGS ON PETITIONS FOR ALIEN ENTREPRENEUR IMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION (EB-5 VISAS)

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 8 USC 11866

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1003; 8 CFR 1216;

8 CFR 1240

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule amends the regulations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) of the Department of Justice (Department) to implement time sensitive changes made by the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act of 2001, Public Law 107-273 (November 2, 2002) to the EB-5 Alien Entrepreneur immigrant classification. This rule will be published in conjunction with a corresponding rule of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that addresses changes to their part of the adjudication. The Department rule provides in section 1216 for certain aliens, who are seeking immigrant status as alien entrepreneurs. the right to challenge in EOIR proceedings adverse determinations on the removal of the condition on permanent resident status made by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), a component of DHS. In addition to proceedings on adverse determinations, this rule also establishes procedures for aliens who have received favorable determinations on the removal of the condition on permanent resident status and who have final orders of deportation or removal or who have cases that are pending or administratively closed before EOIR.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/00/04	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1125-AA49

1881. • INFORMATION RELATING TO **ALIENS' DUTY TO SURRENDER** WHEN ORDERED REMOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 8 USC 1103

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 1240; 8 CFR 1241

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Justice published an NPRM in 1998 and a supplemental NPRM in 2002 (RIN 1115-AE82) to establish that aliens who become subject to a final order of removal have a legal obligation to surrender for removal. As a result, of the enactment of the Homeland Security Act, the final rule will be promulgated in two separate rulemaking actions.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is finalizing a rule requiring aliens who become subject to a final order of removal to surrender toDHS (RIN 1653-AA05). This companion rule amends the regulations of the

Department of Justice to provide that immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals will inform aliens in removal proceedings that they have an affirmative obligation to surrender to DHS upon the issuance of a final order of removal by an immigration judge or the Board. Aliens will be informed that the failure to surrender to DHS as required under the DHS rule will result in the denial of any forms of discretionary relief from removal while the alien remains in the United States and for a period of 10 years after the alien's departure from the United States.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM (RIN 1115–AE82)	09/04/98	63 FR 47205
NPRM Comment Period End (RIN 1115–AE82)	11/03/98	
Supplemental NPRM (RIN 1115–AE82)	05/09/02	67 FR 31157
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End	06/10/02	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Additional Information: This rule will finalize those portions of the rulemaking action formerly listed as RIN 1115-AE82 in so far as it relates to the regulations of the Department of Justice. The DHS rule is now RIN 1653-AA05.

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

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1882. • ENHANCED EXCHANGE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD AND NONSERIOUS OFFENSE **IDENTIFICATION RECORDS**

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 28 USC 534; 42 USC 14614(c); 42 USC 14615; PL 92-544; PL 99-169; PL 99-569; PL 101-410

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 20 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule (1) clarifies that the FBI's authority to exchange Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) with officials of federally chartered or insured banking institutions to promote or maintain the security of those institutions includes the exchange of CHRI on individuals other than banking institution employees when the purpose of the background check is reasonably related to maintaining or promoting the security of federally chartered or insured banking institutions; (2) permits access to CHRI and related information, subject to appropriate controls, by non-bank persons and entities other than federally chartered or insured banking institutions, to facilitate or perform employment background functions to promote or maintain the security of federally chartered or insured banking institutions; and (3) permits the retention and exchange of information on nonserious offenses (NSOs) if provided to the FBI for retention by the submitting jurisdiction.

These changes are being made because of modern business practices in the financial services industry. The FBI now concludes that the security of federally chartered or insured banking institutions implicates employees of other entities closely related to or intimately involved in banking, such as, bank subsidiaries, parent or sister companies, and bank holding companies.

Moreover, in recent years, human resources' offices in the financial services industry, seeking greater efficiency and economy have centralized administrative functions, including employment background services. In some instances these functions are being performed by bank holding companies, parent or sister companies, subsidiaries or private contractors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/04	
NPRM Comment	09/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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1883. • IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 104 AND 109 OF THE **COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR** LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT—NOTICE OF ACTUAL AND MAXIMUM CAPACITY: PAGING, MSS, SMR, & **ESMR**

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-414 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act PL 104-208 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 100 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 104 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) requires the Attorney General to publish a Notice of Actual and Maximum Capacity in order to provide telecommunications carriers with the information they will need to meet law enforcement's future simultaneous electronic surveillance requirements. For local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS, the FBI published an Initial Notice of Capacity on October 16, 1995 (60 FR 53643), and a Second Notice of Capacity on January 14, 1997 (62 FR 1902). The FBI published the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS on March 12, 1998 (63 FR 12218). Additionally, the FBI published a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in the Federal Register on December 18, 1998 (63 FR 70160), which solicited information on and suggestions for developing reasonable methodologies for characterizing capacity requirements for telecommunications services and technologies other than local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS.

Comments were due on February 16, 1999. Information gathered in response to the NOI was used in publishing the Further Notice of Inquiry (FNOI) on June 30, 2000 (65 FR 40694). Comments were due August 29, 2000. Information gathered in response to the FNOI will be used in the publication of an Initial Notice of Capacity for developing reasonable capacity methodologies for the paging, mobile satellite, specialized mobile radio, and enhanced specialized mobile radio services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Inquiry (Cap Methodology)	12/18/98	63 FR 70160
Further Notice of Inquiry (Cap Methodology)	06/30/00	65 FR 40694
Notice of Capacity	04/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses **Government Levels Affected: None**

Additional Information: While CALEA required telecommunications carriers to be in compliance with section 103 by October 25, 1998, the FCC exercised its authority under section 107 of CALEA to grant carriers extensions of this compliance date. As a result of the FCC's order, carriers must now be in compliance with section 103 by June 30, 2000. If compliance is not reasonably achievable through application of available technology, the carrier may petition the FCC for a section 107 extension of up to 2 years. By subsequent FCC orders, the assistance capability compliance date for packet mode communication is November 19, 2001, and for the additional capabilities/"punchlist" capabilities is June 30, 2002. Carriers may again petition the FCC for a section 107 extension. Lastly, as a result of the publication of the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS carriers. these carriers must be in compliance with section 104 by March 12, 2001

This rulemaking 1110-AA22 continues the rulemaking previously listed as "child" RIN 1110-AA13 under "parent" RIN 1110-AA00. This rulemaking has been transferred to RIN 1110-AA22 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is

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not a new action. (For other CALEA-related rulemakings, see RINs 1110-AA10 and 1110-AA21.)

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Final Rule Stage

1884. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STOLEN PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NSPMVIS)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 49 USC 33109 to

33111

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 89 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Attorney General is required to establish a National Stolen Passenger Motor Vehicle Information System (NSPMVIS) pursuant to the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 (49 U.S.C. 33109 to 33111). The FBI is coordinating efforts in this matter and, under delegated authority from the Attorney General, the FBI is issuing this rule to establish a national system to verify the theft status of major motor vehicle component parts and junk or salvage vehicles. The system will include certain information about each passenger motor vehicle reported to a law enforcement agency as stolen and not recovered. The rule provides how an individual or entity may obtain information from the system on whether a vehicle or part is listed as stolen. The rule also provides verification procedures to be followed by insurance carriers and certain motor vehicle part businesses. In order to verify the theft status of a part or junk or salvage vehicle, an identification number will have to be obtained from the part or vehicle.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/09/02	67 FR 17027
NPRM Comment Period End	06/10/02	
Final Action	03/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: (RIN 1110-AA01 has been transferred from RIN 1105-AA44.)

The Criminal Division will issue a related regulation to implement the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). As required by statute, 49 U.S.C. section 30504(a), the regulation will direct junk yard and salvage yard operators and insurance carriers to file monthly reports with the operator of the NMVTIS concerning vehicles in their possession. (See RIN 1105-AA71.)

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RIN: 1110–AA01

1885. REGULATIONS UNDER THE PAM LYCHNER SEXUAL OFFENDER TRACKING AND IDENTIFICATION ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

Legal Authority: PL 104–236, sec 9 **CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, October 3, 1999, The Act does not distinguish between NPRM and final regulations.

Abstract: The FBI is issuing regulations to carry out the Pam Lychner Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act of 1996. These regulations include guidelines as to the operation and use of the national sex offender registry established by the FBI and the notice to be provided to the FBI in the event a registered sex offender moves interstate. The Bureau published its proposed rule on February 16, 1999, at 64 FR 7562.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/16/99	64 FR 7562
NPRM Comment Period End	04/19/99	
Final Action	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Local,

State, Tribal

Additional Information: Transferred from RIN 1105-AA56.

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RIN: 1110–AA04

1886. NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 922 to 925; 5 USC 605(b); EO 12866; EO 13132; 5 USC 804; ...

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 25(b)(1); 28 CFR 25(b)(2); 28 CFR 25(b)(3); 28 CFR 25.9(b)(4); 28 CFR 25.2; . . .

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, July 21, 2004, Omnibus deadline for shortened retention period.

Abstract: The Department promulgated regulations to govern the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) in 1998 when the NICS became operational and adopted amendments which became effective on July 3, 2001.

In the proposed rule, the Department published for public comment and further consideration five proposals to make additional changes in the NICS regulations. The changes relate to the amount of time that the NICS retains information about approved firearm DOJ—FBI Final Rule Stage

transfers in the system's chronological log of background check transactions and the manner in which that information may be used to audit the use and performance of the NICS. The proposed changes sought to balance the legitimate privacy interests of lawabiding firearms purchasers and the Department's obligation to enforce the Brady Act and the Gun Control Act to prevent prohibited persons from purchasing firearms.

Since the closing of the comment period, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, a requirement that addresses the time within which the NICS is required to destroy certain information in the records of allowed transactions. Section 617 of H.R. 2673, the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill (or "Omnibus"), requires the NICS to destroy "any identifying information submitted by or on behalf of any person who has been determined not to be prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm no more than 24 hours after the system advises a Federal Firearms Licensee that possession or receipt of a firearm by the prospective transferee would not violate subsection (g) or (n) of section 922 of title 18, United States Code, or State law." Section 617 of the Omnibus bill becomes effective on July 21, 2004, 180 days after January 23, 2004, the date the Omnibus bill was signed into law. For this reason, the final rule will be revised to conform to the legislative enactment setting a limit on how long the NICS may retain certain information on allowed transactions. The rule will be revised to conform to the 24-hour record retention provision in the Omnibus.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/06/01	66 FR 35567
NPRM Comment Period End	09/04/01	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	09/20/01	66 FR 48390
NPRM Reopened Comment Period End	10/22/01	
Final Action	07/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal,

State, Tribal

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1887. FINAL NOTICE OF CAPACITY; SUPPLEMENT TO RESPOND TO REMAND

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 47 USC 1003(a)(1)

CFR Citation: None Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As required by section 104 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), the FBI published a Notice of Actual and Maximum Capacity in order to provide telecommunications carriers with the information they will need to meet law enforcement's future simultaneous electronic surveillance requirements. The FBI published the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS on March 12, 1998 (63 FR 12218).

This Notice provided numerical requirements for the "actual" and "maximum" numbers of surveillance that wired and wireless telephone networks should be able to accommodate, broken down by geographic region. The numbers were derived from a survey and analysis of the numbers of surveillance historically conducted at the same time in every region throughout the country.

After its issuance, telecommunications carriers and trade associations challenged the Final Notice on a number of grounds, primarily alleging that the numbers of surveillancestated therein were too high. To summarize, the FBI was directed by the Court of Appeals to provide further explanation on two issues: (1) The decision to treat as "simultaneous" any two or more historical surveillance on the same day and, (2) the decision to set forth only one "actual" and one "maximum" capacity requirement number per region, rather than separate requirements for each type of surveillance.

This Supplemental Notice provides further explanation for the FBI's interpretation of the term "simultaneously," and sets forth a new method of interpreting the existing capacity requirements that will allow carriers to break out the number of communications interceptions from the total requirement. The Supplement also sets forth new guidance that will reduce the requirements for simultaneous communications interceptions applicable to carriers operating in regions with high capacity requirements. This is being done to reduce the concerns raised by the Court of Appeals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Supplement to Final Notice of Capacity Responding to Remand	12/05/03	68 FR 68112
Comment Period on Supplement End	02/03/04	
Finalization of Supplement to Final Notice of Capacity Responding to Remand	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: See also RINs 1110-AA21 and 1110-AA22.

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1888. • COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT: DEFINITIONS OF "REPLACED" AND "SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADED OR OTHERWISE UNDERGONE MAJOR MODIFICATION"

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103–414 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act PL 104–208 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 100 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As required by section 109 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), the FBI

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promulgated Cost Recovery Regulations allowing telecommunications carriers to recover certain costs associated with implementing CALEA. The final rule was published on March 20, 1997 (62 FR 13307), and became effective on April 21, 1997. In response to public comment received during this rulemaking, the FBI published an ANPRM on November 19, 1996 (61 FR 58799), which solicited input on the definition of the term "significant upgrade or major modification" as used by CALEA. The "significant upgrade or major modification" NPRM was published on April 28, 1998 (63 FR 23231). A supplemental NPRM proposing definitions was published on October 5, 2001. The FBI is currently reviewing comments received and is drafting a final rule which will define the terms "replaced" and "significantly upgraded or otherwise undergone major modification," for the purposes of the Cost Recovery Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/19/96	61 FR 58799
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/19/96	
NPRM	04/28/98	63 FR 23231
NPRM Comment Period End	06/29/98	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Supplemental NPRM Proposing Definitions	10/05/01	66 FR 50931
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End	12/04/01	
Final Action	04/00/05	
Regulatory Flevibi	lity Analy	veie

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: While CALEA required telecommunications carriers to be in compliance with section 103 by October 25, 1998, the FCC exercised its authority under section 107 of CALEA to grant carriers extensions of this compliance date. As a result of the FCC's order, carriers must now be in compliance with section 103 by June 30, 2000. If compliance is not reasonably achievable through application of available technology, the carrier may petition the FCC for a section 107 extension of up to 2 years. By subsequent FCC orders, the assistance capability compliance date for packet mode communication is November 19, 2001, and for the additional capabilities/"punchlist" capabilities is June 30, 2002. Carriers may again petition the FCC for a

section 107 extension. Lastly, as a result of the publication of the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS carriers, these carriers must be in compliance with section 104 by March 12, 2001.

TRANSFERRED RIN: This rulemaking 1110-AA21 continues the rulemaking previously listed as "child" RIN 1110-AA12 under "parent" RIN 1110-AA00. This rulemaking has been transferred to RIN 1110-AA21 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is not a new action. (For other CALEA-related rulemakings, see RINs 1110-AA10 and 1110-AA22.)

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1889. IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 104 AND 109 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 103–414

Communications Assistance for Law
Enforcement Act; PL 104–208 Omnibus
Consolidated Appropriations Act of
1997

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, October 25, 1998, While CALEA required telecommunications carriers to be in compliance with section 103 by October 25, 1998, the FCC exercised (continued in Additional Information).

Abstract: As required by section 109 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), the FBI promulgated Cost Recovery Regulations

allowing telecommunications carriers to recover certain costs associated with implementing CALEA. The final rule was published on March 20, 1997 (62 FR 13307), and became effective on April 21, 1997. In response to public comment received during this rulemaking, the FBI published an ANPRM on November 19, 1996 (61 FR 58799), which solicited input on the definition of the term "significant upgrade or major modification" as used by CALEA. The "significant upgrade or major modification" NPRM was published on April 28, 1998 (63 FR 23231). The FBI is currently preparing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking, which will define the terms "replaced" and "significantly upgraded or otherwise undergone major modification," which when codified will amend the Cost Recovery Regulations.

Additionally, CALEA section 104 requires the Attorney General to publish a Notice of Actual and Maximum Capacity in order to provide telecommunications carriers with the information they will need to meet law enforcement's future simultaneous electronic surveillance requirements. For local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS, the FBI published an Initial Notice of Capacity on October 16, 1995 (60 FR 53643), and a Second Notice of Capacity on January 14, 1997 (62 FR 1902). The FBI published the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS on March 12, 1998 (63 FR 12218). Additionally, the FBI published a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in the Federal Register on December 18, 1998 (63 FR 70160), which solicited information on and suggestions for developing reasonable methodologies for

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characterizing capacity requirements for telecommunications services and technologies other than local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS. Comments were due on February 16, 1999. Information gathered in response to the NOI was used in publishing the

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Transferred to RINs 1110–AA21 and	05/04/04	
1110–AA21 and		

"Significant upgrade or major modification" (1110–AA12)

ANPRM 11/19/96 (61 FR 58799)
ANPRM Comment Period End 12/19/96
NPRM 04/28/98 (63 FR 23231)
NPRM Comment Period End 06/29/98
Supplemental NPRM Proposing
Definitions 10/05/01 (66 FR 50931)
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period
End 12/04/01

Transferred to RIN 1110-AA21 05/04/04 Cost Recovery Rule (Telecom. Carriers) (1110-AA11)

NPRM 05/10/96 (61 FR 21396) NPRM Comment Period End 07/09/96 Final Rule 03/20/97 (62 FR 13307) Final Rule Effective 04/21/97

Notice of Actual and Max. Cap.-local exch, cellular, broadb PCS (1110-AA14)

Initial Notice 10/16/95 (60 FR 53643) Second Notice 01/14/97 (62 FR 1902) Final Notice 03/12/98 (63 FR 12217)

Notice of Actual and Max. Cap.-paging, MSS, SMR, ESMR (1110-AA13)

Notice of Inquiry (Cap Methodology)
12/18/98 (63 FR 70160)
Further Notice of Inquiry (Cap
Methodology) 06/30/00 (65 FR 40694)
Transferred to 1110-AA22 05/04/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: STATUTORY DEADLINE CONT: its authority under section 107 of CALEA to grant carriers extensions of this compliance date. As a result of the FCC's order, carriers must now be in compliance with section 103 by June 30, 2000. If compliance is not reasonably achievable through application of available technology, the carrier may petition the FCC for a section 107 extension of up to 2 years. By subsequent FCC orders, the assistance capability compliance date for packet mode communication is November19, 2001, and for the additional capabilities/"punchlist" capabilities is June 30, 2002. Carriers may again petition the FCC for a section 107 extension. Lastly, as a result of the publication of the Final Notice of Capacity for local exchange, cellular, and broadband PCS carriers, these carriers must be in compliance with section 104 by March 12, 2001.

TRANSFERRED RINS:

The portion of this "parent" rulemaking RIN 1110-AA00 which was designated with the "child" RIN of 1110-AA12 and which pertains to the definitions of "Replaced" and "Significantly Upgraded or Otherwise Undergone Major Modification" has

been transferred to a new RIN of 1110-AA21.

The portion of this "parent" rulemaking RIN 1110-AA00 which was designated with the "child" RIN of 1110-AA13 and which pertains to the Notice of Actual and Max. Cap. for Paging MSS, SMR, and ESMR has been transferred to a new RIN of 1110-AA22.

These transfers were made because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. Neither RIN 1110-AA21 nor 1110-AA22 are new actions.

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1890. NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NMVTIS) REPORTING REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined Legal Authority: 49 USC 30504 CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Attorney General is required to issue regulations directing junk yard and salvage yard operators and insurance carriers to file monthly reports with the operator of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) concerning vehicles in their possession. The reports are required by statute, 49

U.S.C. section 30504(a) and (b), to provide the vehicle identification numbers, the date on which the vehicle was obtained, and the name of the individual or entity from whom the vehicle was obtained. Salvage and junk yard operators are also required to provide a statement of whether the automobile was crushed or disposed of for sale or other purposes. Insurance carriers are also required to provide the name of the owner of the automobile at the time the report is filed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: ${
m No}$

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: Previous title: Motor Vehicle Salvage Regulations.

On a related issue, the FBI expects to issue regulations implementing the National Stolen Passenger Motor Vehicle Information System (NSPMVIS). (See RIN 1110-AA01.)

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1891. • INSPECTION OF RECORDS RELATING TO DEPICTION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PERFORMANCES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 2257

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 75 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In the Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act of 1998, Public Law No. 100-690, as amended by the Child Protection Restoration and Penalties Enhancement Act of 1990, Public Law No. 101-647, and the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003, Public Law No. 108-21, Congress set forth requirements at section 2257, title 18, United States Code, concerning recordkeeping requirements for producers of sexually explicit material. Section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, specifies steps that must be taken by persons who produce materials depicting sexually explicit conduct to determine the names and dates of birth of persons depicted in those materials, lists records that must be kept by persons producing those materials, and requires that notices as to the location of those records be affixed to those materials.

28 CFR part 75 currently contains recordkeeping and inspection requirements implementing section 2257, title 18, United States Code. This rule amends these requirements to bring the regulations up to date with current law and will make the inspection process effective for the purposes set by Congress in enacting section 2257.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/04	
NPRM Comment	09/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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1892. • REPORTING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS ACT AS AMENDED

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 42 USC 13032 CFR Citation: 28 CFR 81

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On October 30, 1998, Congress passed the Protection of Children From Sexual Predators Act of 1998 (PCSPA). The PCSPA requires providers of an electronic communication service or a remote computing service to the public, through a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce, to report incidents of child pornography as defined by sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, or 2260 of title 18, United States Code, to the appropriate Federal agency. In order to facilitate effective reporting, the PCSPA requires the Attorney General to "designate an agency" to receive and investigate such reports of child pornography.

As amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, Public Law No. 106-113, the PCSPA requires providers to report such incidents to the Cyber Tipline at the National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which shall forward that report to a law enforcement agency or agencies designated by the Attorney General. As amended by the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003, Public Law No. 108-066, the PCSPA also requires providers to report incidents of child pornography involving violations of section 2252B of title 18, United States Code, and incidents of violations of section 1466A, title 18, United States Code, and permits NCMEC to forward reports to State and local law enforcement agencies where appropriate. A notice of proposed rulemaking is being prepared that will provide guidance to the providers, NCMEC, and the designated law enforcement agencies on the content of such reports and how the reports will be processed.

In a related matter, RIN 1105-AA65, "Designation of Agencies To Receive and Investigate Reports Required Under the Protection of Children from Sexual Predators Act," interim final rule published November 4, 2003, 68 FR 62370, the Department designated four law enforcement agencies to receive and investigate such reports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/04	
NPRM Comment	11/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Legal Activities (LA)

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1893. DESIGNATION OF AGENCIES TO RECEIVE AND INVESTIGATE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 13032 CFR Citation: 28 CFR 81

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, April

28, 1999.

Abstract: On October 30, 1998, Congress passed the Protection of Children From Sexual Predators Act of 1998 (PCSPA). The PCSPA requires providers of an electronic communication service or a remote computing service to the public, through a facility or means of interstate or foreign commerce, to report incidents of child pornography as defined by sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, or 2260 of title 18, United States Code, to the appropriate Federal agency. In order to facilitate effective reporting, the PCSPA requires the Attorney General to "designate an agency" to receive and investigate such reports of child pornography. The proposed rule previously published set forth the Attorney General's proposed designations and certain other matters covered by the PCSPA's reporting requirements.

On November 29, 1999, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000, Public Law 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501, Congress amended 42 U.S.C. 13032 to require providers to report such incidents to the Cyber Tipline at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which shall forward that report to a law enforcement agency or agencies designated by the Attorney General. As amended by the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003, Public Law No. 108-066, the PCSPA also requires providers to report incidents of child pornography involving violations of section 2252B of title 18, United States Code, and incidents of violations of section 1466A, title 18, United States Code, and permits NCMEC to forward reports to State and local law enforcement agencies where appropriate. On November 4, 2003, an interim final rule was published designating four Federal law enforcement agencies that will receive reports pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13032. These include the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the U.S. Secret Service.

In a related matter, RIN 1105-AB06, "Reporting Under the Protection of Children From Sexual Predators Act, as Amended," the Department is preparing a notice of proposed rulemaking to provide guidance to those law enforcement agencies and to the providers making the reports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/26/99	64 FR 28422
NPRM Comment Period End	07/26/99	
Interim Final Rule	11/04/03	68 FR 62370
Interim Final Rule Effective	12/04/03	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	01/05/04	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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1894. ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR ATTORNEYS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 28 USC 530B

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 77

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, April

19, 1999.

Abstract: This rule supersedes the Department of Justice regulations relating to Communications with Represented Persons and implements 28 U.S.C. 530B pertaining to ethical standards for attorneys for the Government. Under that provision, an attorney for the Government shall be subject to State laws and rules, and local Federal court rules governing attorneys in each State where such attorney engages in that attorney's duties, to the same extent and in the same manner as other attorneys in that State. This rule fulfills the Attorney General's obligation under section 530B and provides guidance to all Department of Justice employees who are subject to section 530B regarding their obligations and responsibilities under this new provision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/19/99	64 FR 19273
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/21/99	
Final Action	11/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1895. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANNUITY BROKERS IN CONNECTION WITH STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 107-273, sec 11015

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 50

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May

2, 2003.

Abstract: This rule implements section 11015(a) of Public Law 107-273, the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, which was enacted on November 2, 2002. Section 11015(a) provides: "Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall establish a list of annuity brokers who meet minimum qualifications for providing annuity brokerage services in connection with structured settlements entered by the United States. This list shall be updated upon request by any annuity broker that meets the minimum qualifications for inclusion on the list. The Attorney General shall transmit such list, and any updates to such list, to all United States Attorneys." The rule sets forth the minimum qualifications for an annuity broker to be included on the list and the procedures to be followed by

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individual annuity brokers who desire to be listed.

To be considered for inclusion on the initial list to be transmitted to all United States Attorneys, annuity brokers must submit the Declaration set forth on the Civil Division web site to the Department of Justice's Torts Branch at the address provided below by no later than April 24, 2003. (A copy of the Declaration is also included as an appendix to this rule, but will not be included in the Code of Federal Regulations, as it may be revised later. The most current version of the Declaration will be available for download on the Civil Division's Web site.) Submissions received after April

24, 2003, will be considered for inclusion in the next update of the list. The list will be revised periodically, but not more often than twice every calendar year, beginning with calendar year 2004. Each calendar year, a new list will be transmitted. For each calendar year, a broker must submit a new declaration to be included on the list.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/15/03	68 FR 18119
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/14/03	
Final Action	10/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1105-AA82

Department of Justice (DOJ) Legal Activities (LA)

1896. ENHANCED NOTICE AND RELEASE PROCEDURES FOR **OWNERS OF SEIZED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE CAFRA OF 2000: DISPOSITION OF SEIZED PROPERTY** TOO COSTLY TO MAINTAIN: **CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS**

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 8 CFR 274; 21 CFR 1316;

28 CFR 8 (Revision); 28 CFR 9

(Revision)

Timetable:

Action Date FR Cite NPRM To Be Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1897. CERTIFICATION AND **DECERTIFICATION IN CONNECTION** WITH CERTAIN SUITS BASED UPON **ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 15

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/23/03	68 FR 74187
Final Action Effective	01/22/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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1898. CLAIMS UNDER THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2000; AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION **ACT OF 2002**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 2210 note, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; PL 106-245, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000; PL 106-553; PL 107-273, 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 79

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,

January 6, 2001.

Abstract: Several recent legislative enactments have revised provisions of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, both procedurally and substantively. Many of the revisions have required the issuance of proposed regulations for public notice and comment—other revisions have been technical in nature and have been implemented in a final rulemaking.

On November 2, 2002, the President signed the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-273). Section 11007 of Public Law 107-273 contains amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), that are technical in nature. Although conforming changes need to be made to the regulations implementing RECA to reflect those technical changes, Public Law 107-273 does not impose

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a deadline for issuing regulations implementing the changes.

On August 7, 2002, the Department issued two related rulemakings to implement amendments to RECA, enacted on July 10, 2000. The first is a final rule (CIV 100) whichmade changes consistent with the 2000 law. This final rule expands the list of diseases that are compensable for "downwinder" and "onsite participant" claimants; eliminates smoking distinctions; amends the list of geographical areas to provide additional radiation-affected areas for "downwinder" claimants: modifies the burden of proof for purposes of claims processing; allows claimants who have previously been denied compensation to file up to three times; and makes other technical revisions consistent with the changes to the law. As a result of the passage of Public Law 107-273 on November 2, 2002, this final rule requires additional revisions.

The second rulemaking issued on August 7, 2002, is a proposed rule (CIV 101). The public comment period which initially closed on October 7, 2002, was extended for an additional period. That period expired on January 27, 2003. Over 100 comments were received by the Department. The proposed rule describes the expanded population of eligible uranium mine workers created by lowering the radiation exposure threshold for miners; identifies the new uranium mining states with respect to which miners may be eligible for compensation; includes provisions for compensation to aboveground miners; sets forth employment eligibility criteria for the new claimant categories (millers and ore transporters); describes the documentation that would be required to establish proof of employment in a uranium mine or mill or as an ore transporter; describes the medical documentation necessary to

establish the existence of renal cancer and chronic renal disease; and revises the provision concerning representation of claimants before the Department with respect to claims brought under the Act. As with the final rule discussed above, passage of Public Law 107-273 on November 2, 2002, requires additional revisions to this proposed rule.

In light of the further technical changes that need to be made to implement Public Law 107-273, the Department intends to issue one final rule that will accomplish several goals: (1) Requisite technical revisions will be made to CIV 100 consistent with Public Law 107-273; (2) discuss comments received on the proposed rule (CIV 101); and (3) reflect relevant changes made by the Department in connection with those comments.

Timetable:

(1105-AB03)

Action Date FR Cite

Final Action 03/23/04 69 FR 13628

Final Action Effective 04/22/04

CIV 100 – Technical Amendments
(1105–AB02)
Final Action 08/07/02 (67 FR 51422)
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CIV 101 – Expansion of Coverage

NPRM 08/07/02 (67 FR 51440) NPRM Comment Period End 10/07/02 NPRM Comment Period Reopened 11/27/02 (67 FR 70892) NPRM Extension of Comment Period End 01/27/03

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1899. DNA SAMPLING OF FEDERAL OFFENDERS UNDER THE USA PATRIOT ACT OF 2001

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 28 CFR 28

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/29/03	68 FR 74855
Final Action Effective	01/28/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1900. PARTICIPATION IN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS BY FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 31; 28 CFR 33; 28 CFR 38; 28 CFR 90; 28 CFR 91; 28

CFR 93

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action Final Action Effective	0 .,= ., 0 .	69 FR 2832
Final Action Effective	02/20/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Organizations Government Levels Affected: Federal

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1901. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 3711 et seq

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau of Justice Assistance will be proposing a major, substantive revision of the existing regulations (28 CFR part 32) that govern the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program to streamline all aspects of the program and relieve claimants of administrative burdens no longer deemed necessary. Further, the program will need to change as BJA moves into a paperless, electronic, Web-based application/review/payment program. The proposed revised regulations will affect all components

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of the program: Death benefits, disability benefits, education benefits, and the related administrative components governing hearing officers and independent medical examinations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1121-AA56

1902. CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS OPERATING POLICIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 3711

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 23 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of this regulation is to assure that all criminal intelligence systems operating through support under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 are used as authorized by law. This revision of 28 CFR part 23 updates the regulation for modern technological advances, extends the use of criminal intelligence systems for public safety purposes, and is drafted in plainer language.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment	01/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1121-AA59

1903. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM VICTIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 42 USC 10603c, sec 1404c; PL 104–208, Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000

CFR Citation: None
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is developing these regulations to implement the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program provisions contained in the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 104-208), which directs OJP to carry out a program to reimburse victims of acts of international terrorism that occur outside the United States, for expenses associated with that victimization.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/04	
NPRM Comment	09/00/04	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal,

Local, State, Tribal

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RIN: 1121-AA63

1904. VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 10602 **CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Compensation

Program regulations provide the parameters under which state agencies may use these funds to reimburse crime victims directly for expenses related to crime. Expenses that must be covered are lost wages, medical and mental health costs, and funeral and burial costs. States, at their discretion, may cover loss of support, crime scene cleanup, and other such expenses.

VOCA funds are obtained from the Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury, which consists of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures from federal offenders.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment	01/00/05	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information:

TRANSFERRED RIN: This rulemaking 1121-AA68 continues the rulemaking previously listed as "child" RIN 1121-AA66 under "parent" RIN 1121-AA61. This rulemaking has been transferred to RIN 1121-AA68 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RISC) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is not a new action. (For another VOCA-related rulemaking, see RIN 1121-AA69)

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RIN: 1121-AA68

1905. • VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 10604, sec 1407(a), Victims of Crime Act

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Victim Assistance Program Regulations provide the parameters under which State agencies

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may use these funds to award grants to government and nonprofit organizations to provide direct services to crime victims. Local programs include child abuse, homicide survivor, drunk driving, sexual assault, and domestic violence. More than three million crime victims are served through these grants.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are obtained from the Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury, which consists of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures from Federal offenders.

Costs to States are limited, as the VOCA grant provides for administrative costs for these programs.

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/04	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/05	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information:

Timotable:

TRANSFERRED RIN: This rulemaking 1121-AA69 continues the rulemaking previously listed as "child" RIN 1121-AA65 under "parent" RIN 1121-AA61. This rulemaking has been transferred to

RIN 1121-AA69 because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. This rulemaking is not a new action. (For another VOCA-related rulemaking, see RIN 1121-AA68).

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1906. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ON TRIBAL LANDS GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 13701 et seq

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 91 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Justice Programs is issuing this rulemaking to amend the title and the definitions of "Indian tribe" and "construction" within 28 CFR part 91, subpart C (which outlines the requirements and procedures to award grants to Indian tribes for constructing jails on tribal lands for the incarceration of offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction). Congress has mandated a new definition of "Indian tribe," and with this broader definition. Federal funds through the Office of Justice Programs are now available to a larger universe of tribal entities. The amendment to the definition of "construction" is simply to expand and clarify the existing definition to assist applicants and grantees in better understanding the allowable scope a project may take.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/24/96	61 FR 49969
Correction	10/18/96	61 FR 54333
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/24/96	
Second Interim Final Rule	01/15/04	69 FR 2298

Action	Date	FR Cite
Second Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/15/04	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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1907. BULLETPROOF VEST **PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACTS OF 1998 AND 2000**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 42 USC 379611 CFR Citation: 28 CFR 33

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory,

September 14, 1998.

Abstract: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is publishing final regulations implementing the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acts of 1998 and 2000, which authorize BJA funds to eligible States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armored vests for use by law enforcement officers. This final rule

reflects the revised process by which eligible jurisdictions may register, apply, and request funding under BJA's Internet-Based Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

On September 23, 1998, BJA published an interim final rule, with a request for comments (63 FR 50759). The interim final rule established the process by which BJA would implement the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. BJA did not receive any comments in response to the interim final rule. Nevertheless, BJA initiated numerous outreach efforts, in the form of focus groups and beta testing, to ensure that all affected parties had ample opportunity to review and participate in the program's design and development.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/23/98	63 FR 50759
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/23/98	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	11/23/98	
Final Rule	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses Government Levels Affected: Local.

State, Tribal

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Phone: 202 514–3447 **RIN:** 1121–AA48

1908. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE VOI/TIS GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 13701 et seq, as amended by PL 104–134; 42 USC 4321 et seq; 40 CFR 1500 to 1508

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 91 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Justice Programs is issuing this final rule to set forth the procedures that it and the States that are awarded Federal funds under the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Grants Program must follow in order to comply with the environmental impact review procedures mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations, and other related Federal environmental impact review requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/08/00	65 FR 48592
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/08/00	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/10/00	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal, Local, State, Tribal

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1909. GOVERNMENTWIDE
DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
(NONPROCUREMENT) AND
GOVERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS
FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE
(GRANTS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** PL 103–355, sec 2455;

EO 12549

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Department of Justice will be adopting the proposed common rule on debarment and suspension. The rule, as adopted, would limit the mandatory lower-tier application of an exclusion to the first procurement level under a nonprocurement covered transaction. Second, this proposed common rule on debarment and suspension would set the dollar threshold on prohibited lower-tier procurement transactions with excluded persons at \$25,000. Third, both this proposed rule on debarment and suspension and the proposed rule on drug-free workplace requirements would eliminate the mandate for agencies and participants to obtain written certifications from awardees or persons with whom they propose to enter into covered transactions. Fourth, the proposed rule on drug-free workplace requirements would be separated from this proposed rule on debarment and suspension.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/23/02	67 FR 3344
NPRM Comment Period End	03/25/02	
Interim Final Rule	11/26/03	68 FR 66354
Final Action	09/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal, State

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1910. • STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM AND STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM: CLARIFICATION OF MATCH REQUIREMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 3796gg-1(f)

CFR Citation: 28 CFR 90 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), is amending the regulations for the STOP (Services; Training: Officers: Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program and the STOP Violence Against Indian Women (VAIW) Discretionary Grant Program in 28 CFR sections 90.17 and § 90.55, respectively, to reflect the statutory provision in 42 U.S.C. section 3796gg-1(f) requiring that each STOP fund grantee provide non-Federal matching funds in an amount equal to 25 percent of the total costs of the projects described in the application for funds. This amendment is necessary to make the regulations consistent with the statute.

The STOP grants are awarded to States and territories to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. The STOP VAIW grants are intended to develop and strengthen tribal law enforcement and prosecution efforts to combat violence against Indian women and to develop and enhance services for victims of such crimes.

The STOP statute, 42 U.S.C. section 3796gg-1(f), provides: "The Federal share of a grant made under [these grant programs may not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of the projects described in the application submitted." In accordance with the statutory matching funds requirement, States and Indian tribal governments receiving funds under these two programs must ensure that only 75 percent of their total budget for the grant project comes from STOP grant funds. The purpose of requiring STOP formula fund grantees to provide a 25 percent match is to augment the resources available to the project from grant funds and to foster the dedication of State, local, and community resources to the purposes of the project.

Currently, 28 CFR section 90.17(c) and section 90.55(c) prohibit State and Indian tribal government grantees from passing on any portion of the 25 percent match requirement to any subgrantees o are nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs, even though the statute contains no such prohibition. Because there is no statutory support for these provisions, the Office of Violence

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Against Women is removing them from the regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/03	68 FR 75184

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NPRM Comment Period End	02/28/04	
Final Action	08/00/04	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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1911. VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) PROGRAM REGULATIONS FOR THE CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 10604, sec 1407(a), Victims of Crime Act

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are obtained from the Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury, which consists of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures from Federal offenders.

The program regulations for the Victim Compensation Grant Program provide the parameters under which State agencies may use these funds to reimburse crime victims directly for expenses related to crime. Expenses that must be covered are lost wages, medical and mental health costs, and funeral and burial costs. States, at their discretion, may cover loss of support, crime scene cleanup, and other such expenses.

The Victim Assistance Program Regulations provide the parameters under which State agencies may use these funds to award grants to government and nonprofit organizations to provide direct services to crime victims. Local programs include child abuse, homicide survivor, drunk driving, sexual assault, and domestic violence. More than three million crime victims are served through these grants. Costs to States are limited, as the VOCA grant provides for administrative costs for these programs.

Timetable:

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OJP-1350 VOCA: Pr Victim Compensa (1121-AA66) Withdrawn - Trar	tion Grant P	rogram

OJP-1405 VOCA Victim Assistance Program Regulations (1121-AA65) Withdrawn - Transferred to 1121-AA69 05/01/04

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information:

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TRANSFERRED RINS: The portion of

this "parent" rulemaking RIN 1121-AA61 which was designated with the "child" RIN of 1121-AA66 and which pertains to the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation Grant Program has been transferred to a new RIN of 1121-AA68. The portion of this "parent" rulemaking RIN 1121-AA61 which was designated with the "child" RIN of 1121-AA65 and which pertains to the VOCA Victim Assistance Program has been transferred to a new RIN of 1121-AA69. These transfers were made because the computer system used by the Regulatory Information Service Center (RICS) to compile the Unified Agenda no longer supports "parent" and "child" RINs. Neither RIN 1121-AA68 nor 1121-AA69 are new actions.

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