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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

5 CFR Part 7201

29 CFR Parts 1600 and 1650

RIN 3209-AA15

Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), is adopting as final without change an interim rule for employees of EEOC that supplements the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch issued by OGE. The EEOC is making final the repeal of its old agency standards of conduct regulations, which were superseded by OGE's Standards of Ethical Conduct, OGE's financial disclosure regulation, and EEOC's supplemental standards. In addition, EEOC is making final the issuance of a cross-reference, and the redesignation of EEOC debt collection procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective on July 8, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas M. Inzeo, Deputy Legal Counsel, Thomas J. Schlageter, Assistant Legal Counsel, or Kathleen Oram, Senior Attorney, at (202) 663-4669 or TDD (202) 663-7026. This notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to EEOC's Publications Center at 1-800-669-3362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 26, 1996, at 61 FR 7065-7067, the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics, published an interim supplemental standards rule to implement its ethics program. That interim rulemaking also repealed old EEOC standards that had been superseded by OGE's executive branchwide Standards and financial disclosure regulations, as well as EEOC's new supplemental standards. The interim rule also added a residual cross-reference provision, and redesignated EEOC's debt collection by salary offset procedures. Comments were invited from the public, to be received by EEOC on or before April 26, 1996. No comments were received, and EEOC has determined that no changes are need to the interim rule. Therefore, EEOC is, with OGE's concurrence as to the supplemental standards, adopting the interim rule, without change, as final.

In promulgating this final rule, the Commission has adhered to the regulatory philosophy and the applicable principles of regulation set forth in section 1 of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review. This regulation has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Executive order as it deals with agency organization, management, and personnel matters and is not, in any event, deemed "significant" thereunder. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6), it is hereby certified that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it applied exclusively to EEOC employees. In addition, the Commission has determined that his final rule does not impose any information collection requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects

5 CFR Part 7201

Conflict of interests; Government employees.

29 CFR Part 1600

Conflict of interests; Government employees.

29 CFR Part 1650

Debt collection.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of

Government Ethics, is adopting the interim rule amending title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations and title 29, chapter XIV, of the Code of Federal Regulations, which was published at 61 FR 7065-7067 on February 26, 1996, as a final rule without change.

Dated at Washington DC, this 23rd day of June.

For the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Gilbert F. Casellas,
Chairman.

Approved: July 1, 1997.

Stephen D. Potts,
Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

8 CFR Part 316

[INS No. 1849-97]

RIN 1115-AE84

Adding the University of La Verne to the Listing of American Institutions of Research

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) regulations by adding the University of La Verne (La Verne College of Athens) to the list of American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General for the purpose of preserving residence in the United States for naturalization. Persons and their dependents who expect to be continuously absent from the United States for a year or more because of work at one of the American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General may be given permission to be absent without interrupting continuous residence for naturalization purposes. This change is necessary because such recognized institutions are published in the Service's regulations. Based on the findings of the District Director of Los Angeles, the Regional Director of the Western Region determined and ordered on February 5, 1997, that the University

of La Verne (La Verne College of Athens) be recognized as an American institution of research recognized by the Attorney General.

DATES: This final rule is effective August 7, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jane B. Barker, Senior Adjudications Officer, Benefits Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 3214, Washington, DC 20536, telephone (202) 514-5014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Service regulations, after an applicant has been admitted for permanent residence, he or she must reside in the United States continuously for at least 5 years before filing an application for naturalization. Under certain circumstances, persons and their dependents who expect to be continuously absent from the United States for a year or more because of work at one of the American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General may be given permission to be absent without interrupting continuous residence for naturalization purposes. Based on the findings of the District Director of Los Angeles, the Regional Director of the Western Region determined and ordered on February 5, 1997, that the University of La Verne (La Verne College of Athens), is an American institution of research for the purpose of preserving residence in the United States for naturalization. Accordingly, § 316.20(a) will be amended by adding that institution to the list of American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General.

The Service's implementation of this rule as a final rule is based upon the "good cause" exceptions found at 5 U.S.C. 553 (b)(B) and (d)(3). The reason for immediate implementation of this final rule is as follows: This rule is editorial in nature and merely updates the existing institutional listings currently contained in Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), has reviewed this regulation and, by approving it, certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities because of the following factors. This rule is editorial in nature and merely updates the existing institutional listings currently contained in Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditures by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

Executive Order 12866

This rule is not considered by the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, to be a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review, and the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process under section 6(a)(3)(A).

Executive Order 12612

The regulation adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Executive Order 12988

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988.

List of Subjects in 8 CFR Part 316

Citizenship and Naturalization.

Accordingly, part 316 of chapter I of title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 316—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION

1. The authority citation for part 316 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1181, 1182, 1443, 1447; 8 CFR 2.

§ 316.20 [Amended]

2. In § 316.20, paragraph (a) is amended by adding the American institution of research "University of La Verne (La Verne College of Athens)" immediately after "University of Kansas, Office of International Programs".

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-CE-62-AD; Amendment 39-10072; AD 97-14-14]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Industrie Aeronautiche E Meccaniche Model Piaggio P-180 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Industrie Aeronautiche E Meccaniche (I.A.M.) Model Piaggio P-180 airplanes that are equipped with a certain freon air conditioning system. This AD requires inspecting the baggage compartment for stringer or air cycle machine (ACM) bypass duct damage, repairing any damage found, and modifying the freon air inlet duct and electrical wiring. This AD results from trim system malfunction on one of the affected airplanes, resulting from contact between the freon air inlet duct and the electrical wiring. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent trim system malfunction caused by contact between the freon air inlet duct and electrical wiring, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

DATES: Effective August 29, 1997.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director