

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, 21 CFR part 510 is amended as follows:

PART 510—NEW ANIMAL DRUGS

1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 510 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 321, 331, 351, 352, 353, 360b, 371, 379e.

2. Section 510.600 is amended in the table in paragraph (c)(1) by revising the entry for “Veterinary Research Associates, Inc.” and in the table in

paragraph (c)(2) by revising the entry for “064408” to read as follows:

§ 510.600 Names, addresses, and drug labeler codes of sponsors of approved applications.

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(1) * * *

Firm name and address	Drug labeler code
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Veterinary Research Associates, Inc., 2817 West Country Rd. 54G, Fort Collins, CO 80524	064408
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(2) * * *

Drug labeler code	Firm name and address
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064408	Veterinary Research Associates, Inc., 2817 West Country Rd. 54G, Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Dated: August 31, 2000.

David R. Newkirk,

Acting Director, Office of New Animal Drug Evaluation, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 19

RIN 2900-AK14

Appeals Regulations: Title for Members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Appeals Regulations to provide that a Member of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) may also be known as a “veterans law judge.”

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven L. Keller, Senior Deputy Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 (202-565-5978).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) is an administrative body that decides appeals from denials of claims for veterans' benefits, after an opportunity for a hearing. There are currently 59 Board “members,” who decide 35,000 to 40,000 such appeals per year.

Board members other than the Chairman are appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with the approval of the President of the United States, 38 U.S.C. 7101A(a)(1), and must be licensed attorneys, 38 U.S.C. 7101A(a)(2). Board members are compensated at rates equivalent to the rates payable to Administrative Law Judges. 38 U.S.C. 7101A(b).

Throughout the Executive Branch, individuals who decide appeals at the administrative level after the opportunity for a hearing—as do Board members—are known as “judges.” *E.g.*, “Administrative Law Judges,” 5 U.S.C. 3105; “Administrative Appeals Judges” at the Benefits Review Board at the Department of Labor, 20 CFR 801.2; “Administrative Judges” at The Financial Assistance Appeals Board of the Department of Energy, 10 CFR 1024.3; “Administrative Judges” at the

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 29 CFR 1614.109; “Administrative Judges” at the Personnel Appeals Board of the General Accounting Office, 4 CFR 28.3; “Administrative Judges” at the Merit Systems Protection Board, 5 CFR 1201.4; “Administrative Judges” at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 14 CFR 1259.404; and “Administrative Judges” at the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Small Business Administration, 13 CFR 134.101. *See also* “Administrative Appeals Judges” at the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration, 20 CFR 416.924(g) (decide appeals from decisions of administrative law judges, but without the opportunity for a hearing); “Immigration Judges” at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the Department of Justice, 8 CFR 1.1(l) (initial decisions in immigration cases).

This final rule will permit Board members to be known as “veterans law judges.” This title will convey a Board member's function to veterans more accurately than the term “member.” In addition, the title will enhance the confidence of veterans in the administrative appellate process by providing recognition that appeals in

the VA system are adjudicated by legal professionals, as are benefit appeals in other administrative systems.

This final rule concerns agency organization, procedure or practice and, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, is exempt from notice and comment requirements. In addition, because this final rule is not a substantive rule, but rather a rule of agency practice, it is not subject to the delayed effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

This final rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612. This rule will affect VA beneficiaries and will not affect small businesses.

Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this final rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirement of sections 603 and 604.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 19

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Veterans.

Approved: July 5, 2000.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 19 is amended as set forth below:

PART 19—BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS: APPEALS REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 19 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 19.2 is revised to read as follows:

§ 19.2 Composition of the Board; Titles.

(a) The Board consists of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Deputy Vice Chairmen, Members and professional, administrative, clerical and stenographic personnel. Deputy Vice Chairmen are Members of the Board who are appointed to that office by the Secretary upon the recommendation of the Chairman.

(b) A member of the Board (other than the Chairman) may also be known as a “veterans law judge.” An individual designated as an acting member pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 7101(c)(1) may also be known as an “acting veterans law judge.”

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 512, 7101(a))
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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On August 25, 1999, the Postal Service published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 46277) an interim rule and request for comment on a new mail service, Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail. The Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is adopting the interim rule; however, the rate structure and the rates are revised to comply with recent changes made by Canada Post Corporation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter J. Grandjean, (202) 314–7256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In cooperation with Canada Post Corporation (CPC), the Postal Service introduced Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail. This international mail service is intended primarily for publishers seeking easier access to the Canadian domestic postal system.

To qualify, a mailer must agree to mail a minimum of 10,000 pieces or 250 pounds of mail per mailing for delivery to Canadian addresses. All mail must conform to the applicable eligibility, makeup, and preparation requirements for Canadian domestic Publications Mail as specified by Canada Post. Specialized software for sorting and address accuracy that is recognized by Canada Post is required. Service is available from six Postal Service facilities.

Ancillary services for local business reply mail and the return of undeliverable mail are also available. Participating mailers must sign a service agreement with the Postal Service that defines the conditions of mailing under which they will enter Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail.

On August 25, 1999, the Postal Service published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 46277) an interim rule and request for comment on Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail. The Postal Service did not receive any written comments on the interim rule. Accordingly, the Postal Service hereby adopts the interim rule and amends the proposed rates and rate structure. This

change in rates is necessary to comply with recent rate changes made by CPC for their domestic Publications Mail service. The rates adopted are less than those originally proposed.

The Postal Service adopts the following amendments to the International Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 20.1.

A transmittal letter changing the relevant pages in the International Mail Manual will be published and automatically transmitted to all subscribers. Notice of issuance of the transmittal will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided by 39 CFR 20.3.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal service.

PART 20—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 401, 404, 407, 408.

2. Chapter 6 of the International Mail Manual (IMM) is amended by adding new part 613, Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail, to read as follows:

6 Special Programs

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610 Global Direct Service

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613 Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail

613.1 Description

Global Direct—Canada Publications Mail is an international mail service that is available on the basis of a service agreement between the Postal Service and a qualifying mailer. Under this service, a mailer must enter newspaper and periodical items that meet the applicable eligibility, makeup, and preparation requirements for Canada Post's domestic Publications Mail. The Postal Service transports the items to Canada for entry into Canada's domestic mail system. The mailer is responsible for ensuring that the items meet Canada Post's makeup and preparation requirements.

613.2 Qualifying Mailers and Mailing Locations

613.21 Qualifying Mailers

Qualifying mailers must agree to mail a minimum of 10,000 items or 250 pounds for delivery to Canadian addresses per mailing. All tendered mailpieces must conform to the