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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 843

RIN 3206-AM29

Technical Amendments to Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees; Corrections

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management published a final rule in the *Federal Register* on August 23, 2011, (76 FR 52539) revising the factor at 5 CFR 843.309(b)(2) used to convert a lump sum basic employee death benefit under 5 U.S.C. 8442(b) to 36 installment payments. That change inadvertently stated that the revised factor would apply to deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2004. The revised factor, however, applies to deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2011. Therefore, this document corrects the final regulation by revising this date. Additionally, this document corrects a misspelling in the heading to Appendix A to subpart C of part 843 that was included with the rule.

DATES: Effective on September 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxann Johnson, (202) 606-0299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published a final rule in the *Federal Register* on August 23, 2011, (76 FR 52539) that changed the factor at 5 CFR 843.309(b)(2) used to convert a lump sum basic employee death benefit under 5 U.S.C. 8442(b) to 36 installment payments. The rule inadvertently stated that the revised factor at 5 CFR 843.309(b)(2) applies to deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2004.

Section 843.309(b)(2) is being corrected to state that the revised factor applies when an employee's death occurs on or after October 1, 2011. Additionally, the misspelling of the word, "deceased" is being corrected in the heading to Appendix A to subpart C of part 843.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 843

Air traffic controllers, Disability benefits, Firefighters, Government employees, Law enforcement officers, Pensions, Retirement.

Accordingly, 5 CFR part 843 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 843—FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM—DEATH BENEFITS AND EMPLOYEE REFUNDS

- 1. The authority citation for part 843 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8461; §§ 843.205, 843.208, and § 843.209 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8424; 843.309 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8442; 843.406 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8441.

Subpart C—Current and Former Spouse Benefits

- 2. Amend § 843.309 by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 843.309 Basic employee death benefit.

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(b) * * *

(2) For deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2011, 36 equal monthly installments of 3.01643 percent of the amount of the basic employee death benefit.

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- 3. Revise the Heading of Appendix A to subpart C of part 843 to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart C of Part 843—Present Value Conversion Factors for Earlier Commencing Date of Annuities of Current and Former Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 88

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0168]

RIN 0579-AC49

Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are amending the regulations regarding the commercial transportation of equines to slaughter to add a definition of *equine for slaughter* and make other changes that will extend the protections afforded by the regulations to equines bound for slaughter but delivered first to an assembly point, feedlot, or stockyard. This action will further ensure the humane treatment of such equines by helping to ensure that the unique and special needs of equines in commercial transportation to slaughter are met.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. P. Gary Egrie, Farm Animal Welfare Coordinator, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 46, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 88 (referred to below as the regulations) contain minimum standards to ensure the humane movement of equines for slaughter via commercial transportation. The regulations cover, among other things, the food, water, and rest provided to such equines prior to their transportation to slaughter, standards for conveyances used to transport equines to slaughter, and certain paperwork required to accompany equines during such transportation. The regulations also require the owner/shipper of the equines to take certain actions to ensure the safety and humane treatment of equines during loading and transportation for slaughter, including seeking immediate assistance from an equine veterinarian for any equine in obvious physical distress. In addition, the regulations prohibit the commercial transportation to slaughtering facilities