

If fish retain salvage value, the proceeds gained from the sale of the fish will be subtracted from any indemnity payment from APHIS for which the producer is eligible under § 53.2(b).

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5. Section 53.10 is amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 53.10 Claims not allowed.

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(e) The Department will not allow claims arising out of the destruction of fish due to infectious salmon anemia (ISA) unless the claimants have agreed in writing to participate fully in the cooperative ISA control program administered by APHIS and the State of Maine. Participants in the ISA control program must:

(1) Establish and maintain a veterinary client-patient relationship with an APHIS accredited veterinarian and inform the ISA Program Veterinarian in writing of the name of their accredited veterinarian at the time the participant enrolls in the ISA program and within 15 days of any change in accredited veterinarians.

(2) Cooperate with and assist in periodic on-site disease surveillance, testing, and reporting activities for ISA, which will be conducted by their APHIS accredited veterinarian or a State or Federal official as directed by the ISA Program Veterinarian.

(3) Develop and implement biosecurity protocols for use at all participant-leased finfish sites and participant-operated vessels engaged in aquaculture operations throughout Maine. A copy of these protocols shall be submitted to the ISA Program Veterinarian at the time the participant enrolls in the ISA program and within 15 days of any change in the protocols.

(4) Develop, with the involvement of the participant's accredited veterinarian and the fish site health manager, a site-specific ISA action plan for the control and management of ISA. A copy of the action plan shall be submitted to APHIS for review at the time the participant enrolls in the ISA program and within 15 days of any change in the action plan.

(5) Participate in the State of Maine's integrated pest management (IPM) program for the control of sea lice on salmonids. A copy of the management plan developed by the participant for the State IPM program shall be submitted to APHIS for review at the time the participant enrolls in the ISA program and within 15 days of any change in the management plan.

(6) Submit to the ISA Program Veterinarian at the time the participant

enrolls in the ISA program a complete and current fish inventory information for each participant-leased finfish site with site and cage identifiers. Fish inventory information must include the numbers, age, date of saltwater transfer, vaccination status, and previous therapeutic history for all fish in each participant-leased finfish site.

(7) Maintain, and make available to the ISA Program Veterinarian upon request, mortality data for each participant-leased finfish site and pen in production.

(8) Cooperate with and assist APHIS in the completion of biosecurity audits at all participant-leased finfish sites and participant-operated vessels involved in salmonid aquaculture. (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0579-0192).

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of April 2002.

Bill Hawks,

Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 62

[Public Notice 3940]

Exchange Visitor Program; Interim Final Rule

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Interim final rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department is revising portions of its existing Exchange Visitor Program regulations. These revisions will correct inaccurate references to related regulations and organizational offices and positions set forth in these regulations.

DATES: This rule is effective April 11, 2002. Written comments regarding this rule will be accepted until May 13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this rule must be presented in duplicate and addressed as follows: U.S. Department of State, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 852, Washington, DC 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stanley S. Colvin, Acting Director, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, U.S. Department of State, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Room 852, Washington, DC 20547; telephone (202) 619-6828; fax (202) 401-9809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681 et seq., consolidated many of the functions of the former United States Information Agency into the Department of State. One of the functions consolidated was the administrative oversight of the Exchange Visitor Program. Created by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, the Exchange Visitor Program designates government and private sector entities to further the public diplomacy efforts of the Federal government by facilitating the entry of foreign nationals into the United States for the purpose of participation in individual exchange programs.

Pursuant to the Congressional restructuring of the foreign affairs functions, the Exchange Visitor Program regulations formerly set forth at 22 CFR part 514 were renumbered as 22 CFR part 62 when this function was absorbed into the Department. However, specific references to the former part 514 in subparts A, B, C, D and E were overlooked. References to organizational offices and positions were also not corrected.

The revisions set forth in this rule correct the inaccurate references to the former part 514 and substitute references to the new part 62. References to now non-existent organizational offices and positions are also deleted. Corresponding Department offices and positions are substituted.

The Department invites comments regarding this interim final rule. The Department will accept comments for 30 days following publication of this interim rule. A final rule will be adopted following Department review of all comments received.

Regulatory Analysis and Notices

Administrative Procedure Act

The Department is publishing this rule as an interim rule, with a 30-day provision for post-promulgation public comments, based on the "good cause" exceptions set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) and 553(d)(3). Given that the proposed changes are technical in nature, the Department finds it unnecessary to provide notice and comment prior to adoption of this rule.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Department has assessed the potential impact of this rule, and certifies that this rule is not expected to have a

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million in any 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

The Department of State does not consider this rule 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 13132

This regulation 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 section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to require consultations or warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose any new reporting or record-keeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 62

Cultural exchange programs.

Accordingly, 22 CFR part 62 is amended as follows:

PART 62—EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

1. The Authority citation for part 62 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J), 1182, 1184, 1258; 22 U.S.C. 1431–1442, 2451–2460; Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681 et seq.; Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1977, 3

CFR, 1977 Comp. p. 200; E.O.12048 of March 27, 1978; 3 CFR, 1978 Comp. p. 168.

2. In subparts A, B and C, remove "514" and add in its place "62" in the following places:

- a. Section 62.2;
- b. Section 62.3(a)(3) and (b)(1);
- c. Section 62.4(a)(2);
- d. Section 62.5(a), (c)(2) and (c)(5);
- e. Section 62.6(a) and (b);
- f. Section 62.7(c);
- g. Section 62.9(g);
- h. Section 62.11(d);
- i. Section 62.13(a)(2) and (a)(7);
- j. Section 62.15(d) and (g);
- k. Section 62.20(a)(1), (a)(2), (d)(ii)(A) and (d)(ii)(C);
- l. Section 62.21(d), (e) and (g);
- m. Section 62.22(a), (c)(1) and (j);
- n. Section 62.23(d) and (e);
- o. Section 62.24(d) and (f);
- p. Section 62.25(b)(2), (e), (g) and (k);
- q. Section 62.26(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (e)(1), (e)(2) and (f);
- r. Section 62.27(b)(3);
- s. Section 62.28(b);
- t. Section 62.29(c);
- u. Section 62.30(c);
- v. Section 62.31(d), (f), (i), (m) and (n);
- w. Section 62.32(b);
- x. Section 62.40(a)(4); and
- y. Section 62.45(d)(3) and (d)(6) and (e)(2) and (f)(1).

3. In the table below, for each section indicated in the left column, remove the reference indicated in the middle column, and add in its place the reference indicated in the right column:

Section	Remove	Add
62.14(g)	§ 514.14(a) above	paragraph (a) of this section.
62.20(f)	§ 514.20(g)	paragraph (g) of this section.
62.20(g)(2)(ii)	§ 514.20(g)(2)(i) above	paragraph (g)(2)(i) of this section.
62.20(g)(2)(ii)	§ 514.20(g)(1)	paragraph (g)(1) of this section.
62.20(j)(1)	§ 514.20(i)	paragraph (i) of this section.
62.20(j)(2)	§ 514.20(i)	paragraph (i) of this section.
62.20(j)(3)	§ 514.20(i)	paragraph (i) of this section.
62.20(j)(4)	§ 514.20(i)	paragraph (i) of this section.
62.22(f)(1)	§ 514.22(d)	paragraph (d) of this section.
62.22(f)(3)	§ 514.22(n)	paragraph (n) of this section.
62.22(g)	§ 514.22(d)(1)(iii) above	paragraph (d)(1)(iii) of this section.
62.22(n)(2)	§ 514.22(k), supra	paragraph (k) of this section.
62.22(n)(2)	§ 514.43, infra	62.43.
62.22(n)(3)	§ 514.22(m)	paragraph (m) of this section.
62.23(a)	§ 514.23	this section.
62.23(e)(5)	§ 514.23(f)	paragraph (f) of this section.
62.23(f)(5)(ii)(A)	§ 514.23(f)	paragraph (f) of this section.
62.23(f)(5)(ii)(C)	§ 514.23(f)(3) and (4)	paragraph (f)(3) and (4) of this section.
62.23(h)(1)(i)(A)	§ 514.23(e)	paragraph (e) of this section.
62.23(h)(1)(ii)	§ 514.23(f)	paragraph (f) of this section.
62.23(h)(2)(ii)	§ 514.23(f)	paragraph (f) of this section.
62.24(a)	§ 514.24	this section.
62.24(d)(1)	§ 514.24(c)	paragraph (c) of this section.
62.26(b)	§ 514.26(a)(1) through (3)	paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section.
62.27(f)	§ 514.27(b) and § 514.27(e)	paragraphs (b) and (e) of this section.
62.28(a)	§ 514.28	this section.
62.29(a)	§ 514.29	this section.

4. In addition to the amendments set forth above, amend subparts A, B, and C as follows:

a. Remove "Form IAP-66" and add in its place "Form DS-2019" in the following places:

- i. Section 62.2;
- ii. Section 62.5(a);
- iii. Section 62.10(d) and (e)(1);
- iv. Section 62.11(d);
- v. Section 62.12(b), (c), (c)(4), (d)(2), (d)(3), (d)(4), (e)(2) and (e)(3);
- vi. Section 62.13(c)(1);
- vii. Section 62.15(e);
- viii. Section 62.20(d)(ii), (e), (f) and (h);
- ix. Section 62.21(f);
- x. Section 62.23(d), (f)(3)(ii), (f)(4)(iii), (h)(1)(i) and (h)(2)(i);
- xi. Section 62.24(e) and (g);
- xii. Section 62.25(m);
- xiii. Section 62.26(g) and (h);
- xiv. Section 62.27(c)(1), (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), (c)(2) and (d);
- xv. Section 62.28(e);
- xvi. Section 62.29(f) and (g);
- xvii. Section 62.30(i);
- xviii. Section 62.41(b) and (e);
- xix. Section 62.42(b)(2), (c) and (c)(1);
- xx. Section 62.43(b); and
- xxi. Section 62.45(a), (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(4)(ii)(D), (d)(1), (e)(1), (h)(1)(ii), (h)(2)(ii), (i)(2)(i), (i)(2)(ii) and (k).

b. Remove "Forms IAP-66" and add in its place "Forms DS-2019" in the following places:

- i. Section 62.10(d);
 - ii. Section 62.11(d);
 - iii. Section 62.12 heading;
- introductory text, (a), (d)(1), (e)(1) and (e)(3);
- iv. Section 62.13(a)(7);
 - v. Section 62.15(e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3) and (e)(4);
 - vi. Section 62.27(d); and
 - vii. Section 62.45(c)(4)(i), (h)(1)(i) and (h)(2)(i).

c. Remove "form IAP-66" and add in its place "Form DS-2019" in the following place:

- i. Section 62.32(h)

d. Remove "Form IAP-37" and add in its place "Form DS-3036" in the following place:

- i. Section 62.5(a)

5. Subpart D is revised to read as follows:

Subpart D—Sanctions

§ 62.50 Sanctions.

(a) *Reason for sanctions.* The Department of State may, upon a determination by the Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation ("ECD"), Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, impose sanctions against a sponsor which has:

(1) Willfully or negligently violated one or more provisions of this part;

(2) Evidenced a pattern of willful or negligent failure to comply with one or more provisions of this part;

(3) Committed an act of omission or commission which has or could have the effect of endangering the health, safety, or welfare of an exchange visitor; or

(4) Committed an act or acts which may have the effect of bringing the Department of State or the Exchange Visitor Program into notoriety or disrepute.

(b) *Lesser sanctions.* (1) In order to ensure full compliance with the regulations in this part, the Department of State, in its discretion and depending on the nature and seriousness of the violation, may impose any or all of the following sanctions ("lesser sanctions") on a sponsor for any of the reasons set forth in paragraph (a) of this section:

(i) A written reprimand to the sponsor, with a warning that repeated or persistent violations of the regulations in this Part may result in suspension or revocation of the sponsor's exchange visitor program designation, or other sanctions as set forth in this section;

(ii) A declaration placing the exchange visitor sponsor on probation, for a period of time determined by the Department of State in its discretion, signifying a pattern of serious willful or negligent violation of regulations such that further violations could lead to suspension or revocation;

(iii) A corrective action plan designed to cure the sponsor's violations; or

(iv) A limitation or reduction in the authorized number of exchange visitors in the sponsor's program or in the geographic area of the sponsor's recruitment or activity.

(2) Within ten (10) calendar days of service of the written notice to the sponsor imposing any of the sanctions set forth in this paragraph (b), the sponsor may submit to ECD any statement or information, including, if appropriate, any documentary evidence or affidavits in opposition to or mitigation of the sanction, and may request a conference. Upon its review and consideration of such submission, the Department of State may, in its discretion, modify, withdraw, or confirm such sanction. All materials submitted by the sponsor shall become a part of the sponsor's file with ECD. The decision of ECD is not appealable with regard to lesser sanctions in paragraphs (b)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section, if:

(i) The proposed limitation in the size of the sponsor's program is equivalent to 10 percent or less of the number of

authorized visitors in the sponsor's program during the previous calendar year; or

(ii) The proposed limitation in the size of the sponsor's program will not cause a significant financial burden for the sponsor.

(c) *Suspension or significant program limitation.* (1) Upon a finding that a suspension, or a reduction in the sponsor's program equivalent to a number greater than 10 percent of the number of authorized visitors, is warranted for any of the reasons set forth at paragraph (a) of this section, ECD shall give written notice to the sponsor of the Department of State's intent to impose the sanction, specifying therein the reasons for such sanction and the effective date thereof, which shall not be sooner than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the letter of notification.

(2) Prior to the proposed effective date of such sanction, the sponsor may submit a protest to ECD, setting forth therein any reasons why suspension should not be imposed, and presenting any documentary evidence in support thereof, and demonstrating that the sponsor is in compliance with all lawful requirements. All materials submitted by the sponsor shall become a part of the sponsor's file with ECD.

(3) ECD shall review and consider the sponsor's submission and, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt thereof, notify the sponsor in writing of its decision on whether the sanction is to be affected. In the event that the decision is to impose the sanction, such notice shall inform the sponsor of its right to appeal the sanction and of its right to a formal hearing thereon.

(4) The sponsor may within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the aforesaid notice effecting the sanction, appeal the sanction to the Exchange Visitor Program Designation, Suspension and Revocation Board ("Board") by filing a notice of appeal with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The filing of the notice of appeal shall serve to stay the effective date of the sanction pending appeal.

(5) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee, shall, within ten (10) calendar days, convene the Board. Thereafter, proceedings before the Board shall follow the regulations set forth in paragraph (i) of this section.

(d) *Summary suspension.* (1) ECD may, upon a finding that a sponsor has willfully or negligently committed a serious act of omission or commission

which has or could have the effect of endangering the health, safety, or welfare of an exchange visitor, and upon written notice to the sponsor specifying the reason therefore and the effective date thereof, notify the sponsor of the Department of State's intent to suspend the designation of the sponsor's program for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days.

(2) No later than three (3) calendar days after receipt of such notification, the sponsor may submit a rebuttal to ECD, setting forth therein any reasons why a suspension should not be imposed.

(3) The sponsor may present any statement or information in such protest, including, if appropriate, any documentary evidence or affidavits in opposition to or mitigation of the sanction, and demonstrating that the sponsor is in compliance with all lawful requirements. All materials submitted by the sponsor shall become a part of the sponsor's file with ECD. Within three (3) calendar days of receipt of such submissions, ECD shall notify the sponsor in writing of its decision whether to effect the suspension. In the event the decision is to effect the suspension, such notice shall advise the sponsor of its right to appeal the suspension and of its right to a formal hearing thereon.

(4) The sponsor may, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the aforesaid notice continuing the suspension, appeal the suspension to the Board by filing a notice of appeal with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The filing of the notice of appeal of a summary suspension shall not serve to stay the suspension pending appeal.

(5) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee shall, within ten (10) calendar days, convene the Board. Thereafter, proceedings before the Board shall follow the regulations set forth in paragraph (i) of this section.

(e) *Revocation.* (1) The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee, may, for any reason set forth at paragraph (a) of this section, give the sponsor not less than thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing of its intent to revoke the sponsor's exchange visitor program designation, specifying therein the grounds for such revocation and the effective date of the revocation. Revocation need not be preceded by the imposition of a summary suspension, a suspension, or any lesser sanctions.

(2) Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the notice of intent to revoke

in paragraph (e)(1) of this section, the sponsor shall have an opportunity to show cause as to why such revocation should not be imposed, and may submit to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary any statement of information, including, if appropriate, any documentary evidence or affidavits in opposition to or mitigation of the violations charged, and demonstrating that the sponsor is in compliance with all lawful requirements. All materials submitted by the sponsor shall become a part of the sponsor's file with ECD.

(3) The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee, shall review and consider the sponsor's submission and, thereafter, notify the sponsor in writing of its decision on whether the revocation is to be effected. In the event that the decision is to effect the revocation, such notice shall advise the sponsor of its right to appeal the revocation and of its right to a formal hearing thereon.

(4) The sponsor may, within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the notice effecting the revocation in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, appeal the revocation to the Board by filing a notice of appeal with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. The filing of the notice of appeal shall serve to stay the effective date of the revocation pending appeal.

(5) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee shall, within ten (10) calendar days, convene the Board. Thereafter, proceedings before the Board shall follow the regulations set forth in paragraph (i) of this section.

(f) *Responsible officers.* (1) The Department of State may direct a sponsor to summarily suspend, suspend or revoke the appointment of a responsible officer or alternate responsible officer for any of the reasons set forth in paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) In the event that such action is directed, the sponsor shall be entitled to all of the rights of review or appeal that are accorded to a sponsor under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section.

(g) *Denial of application for redesignation.* (1) ECD shall give an applicant for redesignation not less than thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing of its intentions to deny the application for exchange visitor program redesignation, specifying therein the grounds for such denial.

(2) Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the aforesaid notice of intent to deny the application in paragraph (g)(1) of this section, the applicant shall have an opportunity to demonstrate

why the application should be approved, and may submit to ECD any statement or information including, if appropriate, any documentary evidence or affidavits in support of its application.

(3) ECD shall review and consider the applicant's submission and thereafter notify the applicant in writing of its decision on whether the application for redesignation will be approved. In the event that the decision is to deny the applicant, such notice shall advise the applicant of its right to appeal the denial and of its right to a formal hearing thereon.

(4) The applicant may, within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of the notice of denial in paragraph (g)(3) of this section, appeal the denial to the Board by filing a notice of appeal with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary.

(5) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, or his or her designee shall, within ten (10) calendar days, convene the Board. Thereafter, proceedings before the Board shall follow the regulations set forth in paragraph (i) of this section.

(h) *The Exchange Visitor Program Designation, Suspension, and Revocation Board.* (1) The Exchange Visitor Program Designation, Suspension, and Revocation Board ("Board") shall consist of:

(i) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, or his or her designee, who shall also serve as presiding officer of the Board;

(ii) The Executive Director, Office of the Executive Director of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, or his or her designee; and

(iii) The Director, Office of Policy and Evaluation of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, or his or her designee.

(2) The Office of the Legal Adviser of the Department of State shall appoint an attorney from the Office of the Legal Adviser to present the case to the Board on behalf of the Department. Such attorney shall not take part in the deliberations of the Board.

(3) The Office of the Legal Adviser of the Department of State shall also appoint an attorney in the Office of the Legal Adviser to serve as a legal adviser to the Board. Such attorney shall not have had any substantial prior involvement with the particular case pending before the Board.

(i) *General powers of the Board.* At any hearing before the Board pursuant to this Part, the Board may:

(1) Administer oaths and affirmations;

(2) Rule on offers of proof and receive any oral or documentary evidence;

(3) Require the parties to submit lists of proposed witnesses and exhibits, and otherwise regulate the course of the hearing;

(4) Hold conferences for the settlement or simplification of the issues by consent of the parties;

(5) Dispose of motions, procedural requests, or similar matters; and

(6) Make decisions, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law on all the material issues of fact, law or discretion presented on the record, and the appropriate sanction or denial thereof.

(j) *Proceedings before the Board.* The following procedures shall govern all designation, suspension, summary suspension, and revocation proceedings before the Board:

(1) Upon being convened, the Board shall schedule a hearing, within ten (10) calendar days, at which hearing the parties may appear on their own behalf or by counsel, present oral or written evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. A substantially verbatim record of the hearing shall be made and shall become a part of the record of the proceeding;

(2) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall promptly review the evidence and issue a written decision within ten (10) calendar days, signed by a majority of the members, stating the basis for its decision. The decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Board. If a Board member disagrees with the majority, the member may write a dissenting opinion;

(3) If the Board decides to affirm the suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation, a copy of its decision shall be delivered to ECD, the sponsor, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Department of State. ECD, at its discretion, may distribute the Board's decision as it deems appropriate; and

(4) The suspension, revocation, or denial of designation shall be effective as of the date of the Board's decision.

(k) *Effect of suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation.* A sponsor against which an order of suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation has been entered shall not thereafter issue any Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status, advertise, recruit, or otherwise promote its program, and under no circumstances shall the sponsor facilitate the entry of an exchange visitor. Suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation shall not invalidate any

Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status issued prior to the effective date of the suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation, nor shall the suspension, summary suspension, revocation, or denial of redesignation in any way diminish or restrict the sponsor's legal or financial responsibilities to existing program participants.

(l) *Miscellaneous*—(1) *Computation of time.* In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by the regulations in this section, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a federal legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not one of the aforementioned days. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than eleven (11) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, or federal legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation.

(2) *Service of notice on sponsor.* When used in this part the terms "written notice to the sponsor" shall mean service of written notice by mail, delivery or facsimile, upon either the president, managing director, responsible officer, or alternate responsible officer of the sponsor.

6. Subpart E is revised to read as follows:

Subpart E—Termination and Revocation of Programs

Sec.

62.60 Termination of designation.

62.61 Revocation.

62.62 Responsibilities of the sponsor upon termination or revocation.

Subpart E—Termination and Revocation of Programs

§ 62.20 Termination of designation.

Designation shall be terminated when any of the circumstances set forth in this section occur.

(a) *Voluntary termination.* A sponsor may voluntarily terminate its designation by notifying the Department of State of such intent. The sponsor's designation shall terminate upon such notification. Such sponsor may reapply for designation.

(b) *Inactivity.* A sponsor's designation shall automatically terminate for inactivity if the sponsor fails to comply with the minimum size or duration requirements, as specified in § 62.8 (a) and (b), in any twelve month period. Such sponsor may reapply for program designation.

(c) *Failure to file annual reports.* A sponsor's designation shall automatically terminate if the sponsor fails to file annual reports for two consecutive years. Such sponsor is eligible to reapply for program designation upon the filing of the past due annual reports.

(d) *Change in ownership or control.* An exchange visitor program designation is not assignable or transferable. A major change in ownership or control automatically terminates the designation. However, the successor sponsor may apply to the Department of State for redesignation and may continue its exchange visitor activities while approval of the application for redesignation is pending before the Department of State:

(1) With respect to a for-profit corporation, a major change in ownership shall be deemed to have occurred when thirty-three and one-third percent (33⅓ percent) or more of its stock is sold or otherwise transferred within a 12 month period;

(2) With respect to a not-for-profit corporation, a major change of control shall be deemed to have occurred when fifty-one percent or more of the board of trustees, or other like body vested with its management, is replaced within a 12-month period.

(e) *Loss of licensure or accreditation.* A sponsor's designation shall automatically terminate in the event that the sponsor fails to remain in compliance with local, state, federal, or professional requirements necessary to carry out the activity for which it is designated, including loss of accreditation or licensure.

(f) *Failure to apply for redesignation.* Prior to the conclusion of its current designation period, the sponsor is required to apply for redesignation pursuant to the terms and conditions of § 62.7. Failure to apply for redesignation will result in the automatic termination of the sponsor's designation. If so terminated, the former sponsor may apply for a new designation, but the program activity will be suspended during the pendency of the application.

§ 62.61 Revocation.

A designation may be terminated by revocation for cause as specified in § 62.50. A sponsor whose designation has been revoked may not apply for a new designation within a five-year period.

§ 62.62. Responsibilities of the sponsor upon termination or revocation.

Upon termination or revocation of its designation, the sponsor shall:

(a) Fulfill its responsibilities to all exchange visitors who are in the United States at the time of the termination or revocation;

(b) Notify exchange visitors who have not entered the United States that the program has been terminated unless a transfer to another designated program can be obtained; and

(c) Return all Certificate of Eligibility Forms in the sponsor's possession to the Department of State within thirty (30) calendar days of program termination or revocation.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Reconnaissance Office

32 CFR Part 326

[NRO Privacy Act Program]

Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation

AGENCY: National Reconnaissance Office, DoD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is exempting three Privacy Act systems of records (QNRO-4, QNRO-19, and QNRO-21). The reasons for exempting these systems of records is to exempt those records contained in QNRO-04 when an exemption has been previously claimed for the records in another Privacy Act system of records. The exemption is intended to preserve the exempt status of the record when the purposes underlying the exemption for the original records are still valid and necessary to protect the contents of the records; the exemptions for QNRO-19 and QNRO-21 are intended to increase the value of the systems of records for law enforcement purposes, to comply with prohibitions against the disclosure of certain kinds of information, and to protect the privacy of individuals identified in the systems of records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Freimann at (703) 808-5029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was previously published on January 14, 2002, at 67 FR 1673. No comments were received; therefore, the rule is being adopted as final.

Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense are not significant rules. The rules do not (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a sector of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency; (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive order.

Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. chapter 6)

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense do not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they are concerned only with the administration of Privacy Act systems of records within the Department of Defense.

Public Law 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. chapter 35)

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense impose no information requirements beyond the Department of Defense and that the information collected within the Department of Defense is necessary and consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552a, known as the Privacy Act of 1974.

Section 202, Public Law 104-4, "Unfunded Mandates Reform Act"

It has been determined that Privacy Act rulemaking for the Department of Defense does not involve a Federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more and that such rulemaking will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments.

Executive Order 13132, "Federalism"

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense do not have federalism implications. The rules do 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.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 326

Privacy.

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 326 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 93-579, 88 Stat 1896 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

2. Chapter I, subchapters O and P of title 32 of the CFR are amended by adding 32 CFR part 326 to subchapter O and removing it from subchapter P.

3. Section 326.17 is amended by adding paragraphs (h), (i) and (j) to read as follows:

§ 326.17 Exemptions.

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(h) QNRO-19

(1) *System name:* Customer Security Services Personnel Security Files.

(2) *Exemptions:* (i) Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he would otherwise be entitled by Federal law or for which he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of such information, the individual will be provided access to such information except to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a confidential source.

(ii) Investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment, military service, federal contracts, or access to classified information may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), but only to the extent that such material would reveal the identity of a confidential source.

(iii) Therefore, portions of this system of records may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and/or (k)(5) from the following subsections of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H) and (I), and (f).

(3) *Authority:* 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and (k)(5).

(4) *Reasons:* (i) From subsection (c)(3) because to grant access to the accounting for each disclosure as required by the Privacy Act, including the date, nature, and purpose of each disclosure and the identity of the recipient, could alert the subject to the existence of the investigation or prosecutable interest by the NRO or other agencies. This could seriously compromise case preparation by prematurely revealing its existence and nature; compromise or interfere with witnesses or make witnesses reluctant to cooperate; and lead to suppression, alteration, or destruction of evidence.