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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Parts 831, 842, 870, and 890

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Continuation of Eligibility for Certain Civil Service Benefits for Former Federal Employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations to describe conditions and procedures applicable to the continuation of eligibility for certain civil service benefits for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 16, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 3, 2002, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published (at 67 FR 38210) proposed regulations to implement the benefit-related provisions of the "Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety Act," Public Law 104-106, 110 Stat. 515, by amending parts 831, 842, 870, and 890 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations. The Act created a private, non-profit corporation, and transferred the Civilian Marksmanship Program from the Department of Defense to the new corporation. Section 1622 of the Act provides that individuals employed by the Department of Defense to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program as of the day before the date of the transfer of the Program to the Corporation who were offered and accepted employment by the Corporation as part of the

transition would continue to be eligible, during continuous employment with the Corporation, for the Federal health, retirement, and similar benefits (including life insurance) for which the employee would have been eligible had the employee continued to be employed by the Department of Defense. The final rule provides that the affected employees will be treated under all of the applicable benefits programs on the same basis as if the individuals had remained as employees of the Federal Government.

OPM received no comments on the proposed rule. Since publication of the proposed rule, OPM has further updated each of the authority citations to reflect other changes in the law. Accordingly, we are issuing the proposed regulations as final with only a few minor editorial and formatting changes for clarity.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because the proposed rule only affects the employment benefits of a small number (estimated to be fewer than a dozen) former Federal employees now employed by the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety.

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 831

Administrative practice and procedure, Alimony, Claims, Disability benefits, Firefighters, Government employees, Income taxes, Intergovernmental relations, Law enforcement officers, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Retirement.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 842

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

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 870

Administrative practice and procedure, Government employees, Hostages, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Life insurance, Retirement.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 890

Administrative practice and procedure, Government employees, Health facilities, Health insurance, Health professions, Hostages, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Military personnel, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Retirement.

Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

■ The Office of Personnel Management is amending 5 CFR parts 831, 842, 870, and 890, as follows:

PART 831—RETIREMENT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 831 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8347; Sec. 831.102 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8334; Sec. 831.106 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a; Sec. 831.108 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8336(d)(2); Sec. 831.114 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8336(d)(2), and Sec. 1313(b)(5) of Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135; Sec. 831.201(b)(1) also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8347(g); Sec. 831.201(b)(6) also issued under 5 U.S.C. 7701(b)(2); Sec. 831.201(g) also issued under Secs. 11202(f), 11232(e), and 11246(b) of Public Law 105-33, 111 Stat. 251; Sec. 831.201(g) also issued under Secs. 7(b) and (e) of Public Law 105-274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 831.201(i) also issued under Secs. 3 and 7(c) of Public Law 105-274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 831.204 also issued under Sec. 102(e) of Public Law 104-8, 109 Stat. 102, as amended by Sec. 153 of Public Law 104-134, 110 Stat. 1321; Sec. 831.205 also issued under Sec. 2207 of Public Law 106-265, 114 Stat. 784; Sec. 831.206 also issued under Sec. 1622(b) of Public Law 104-106, 110 Stat. 515; Sec. 831.301 also issued under Sec. 2203 of Public Law 106-265, 114 Stat. 780; Sec. 831.303 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8334(d)(2) and Sec. 2203 of Public Law 106-235, 114 Stat. 780; Sec. 831.502 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8337; Sec. 831.502 also issued under Sec. 1(3), E.O. 11228, 3 CFR 1965-1965 Comp. p. 317; Sec. 831.663 also issued under Secs. 8339(j) and (k)(2); Secs. 831.663 and 831.664 also issued under Sec. 11004(c)(2) of Public Law 103-66, 107 Stat. 412; Sec. 831.682 also issued under Sec. 201(d) of Public Law 99-251, 100 Stat. 23; Sec. 831.912 also issued under Sec. 636 of Appendix C to Public Law 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763A-164; Subpart V also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8343a and Sec. 6001 of Public Law 100-203, 101 Stat. 1330-275; Sec. 831.2203 also issued under Sec. 7001(a)(4) of Public Law 101-508, 104 Stat. 1388-328.

Subpart B—Coverage

■ 2. Add § 831.206 to subpart B to read as follows:

§ 831.206 Continuation of coverage for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

- (a) A Federal employee who—
- (1) Was covered under CSRS;
 - (2) Was employed by the Department of Defense to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program as of the day before the date of the transfer of the Program to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety; and
 - (3) Was offered and accepted employment by the Corporation as part of the transition described in section 1612(d) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 517—remains covered by CSRS during continuous employment with the Corporation unless the individual files an election under paragraph (c) of this section. Such a covered individual is treated as if he or she were a Federal employee for purposes of this part, and of any other part within this title relating to CSRS. The individual is entitled to the benefits of, and is subject to all conditions under, CSRS on the same basis as if the individual were an employee of the Federal Government.
- (b) Cessation of employment with the Corporation for any period terminates eligibility for coverage under CSRS during any subsequent employment by the Corporation.
- (c) An individual described by paragraph (a) of this section may at any time file an election to terminate continued coverage under the Federal benefits described in § 1622(a) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 521. Such an election must be in writing and filed with the Corporation. It takes effect immediately when received by the Corporation. The election applies to all Federal benefits described by § 1622(a) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 521, and is irrevocable. Upon receipt of an election, the Corporation must transmit the election to OPM with the individual's retirement records.
- (d) The Corporation must withhold from the pay of an individual described by paragraph (a) of this section an amount equal to the percentage withheld from the pay of a Federal employee for periods of service covered by CSRS and, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund the amounts deducted from the individual's pay.
- (e) The Corporation must, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund amounts equal to any agency contributions required under CSRS.

PART 842—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM—BASIC ANNUITY

- 3. The authority citation for part 842 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8461(g); Secs. 842.104 and 842.106 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8461(n); Sec. 842.104 also issued under Secs. 3 and 7(c) of Public Law 105–274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 842.105 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8402(c)(1) and 7701(b)(2); Sec. 842.106 also issued under Sec. 102(e) of Public Law 104–8, 109 Stat. 102, as amended by Sec. 153 of Public Law 104–134, 110 Stat. 1321–102; Sec. 842.107 also issued under Secs. 11202(f), 11232(e), and 11246(b) of Public Law 105–33, 111 Stat. 251, and Sec. 7(b) of Public Law 105–274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 842.108 also issued under Sec. 7(e) of Public Law 105–274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 842.109 also issued under Sec. 1622(b) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 515; Sec. 842.213 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8414(b)(1)(B) and Sec. 1313(b)(5) of Public Law 107–296, 116 Stat. 2135; Secs. 842.304 and 842.305 also issued under Sec. 321(f) of Public Law 107–228, 116 Stat. 1383, Secs. 842.604 and 842.611 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8417; Sec. 842.607 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8416 and 8417; Sec. 842.614 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8419; Sec. 842.615 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8418; Sec. 842.703 also issued under Sec. 7001(a)(4) of Public Law 101–508, 104 Stat. 1388; Sec. 842.707 also issued under Sec. 6001 of Public Law 100–203, 101 Stat. 1300; Sec. 842.708 also issued under Sec. 4005 of Public Law 101–239, 103 Stat. 2106 and Sec. 7001 of Public Law 101–508, 104 Stat. 1388; Subpart H also issued under 5 U.S.C. 1104; Sec. 842.810 also issued under Sec. 636 of Appendix C to Public Law 106–554 at 114 Stat. 2763A–164; Sec. 842.811 also issued under Sec. 226(c)(2) of Public Law 108–176, 117 Stat. 2529.

Subpart A—Coverage

- 4. Add § 842.109 to read as follows:

§ 842.109 Continuation of coverage for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

- (a) A Federal employee who was covered under FERS;
- (1) Was employed by the Department of Defense to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program as of the day before the date of the transfer of the Program to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety; and
 - (2) Was offered and accepted employment by the Corporation as part of the transition described in section 1612(d) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 517—remains covered by FERS during continuous employment with the Corporation unless the individual files an election under paragraph (c) of this section. Such a covered individual is treated as if he or she were a Federal employee for purposes of this part, and

of any other part within this title relating to FERS. The individual is entitled to the benefits of, and is subject to all conditions under, FERS on the same basis as if the individual were an employee of the Federal Government.

(b) Cessation of employment with the Corporation for any period terminates eligibility for coverage under FERS during any subsequent employment by the Corporation.

(c) An individual described by paragraph (a) of this section may at any time file an election to terminate continued coverage under the Federal benefits described in § 1622(a) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 521. Such an election must be in writing and filed with the Corporation. It takes effect immediately when received by the Corporation. The election applies to any and all Federal benefits described by section 1622(a) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 521, and is irrevocable. The Corporation must transmit the election to OPM with the individual's retirement records.

(d) The Corporation must withhold from the pay of an individual described by paragraph (a) of this section an amount equal to the percentage withheld from the pay of a Federal employee for periods of service covered by FERS and, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund the amounts deducted from the individual's pay.

(e) The Corporation must, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund amounts equal to any agency contributions required under FERS.

PART 870—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM

- 5. The authority citation for part 870 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8716; Subpart J also issued under Sec. 599C, Public Law 101–513, 104 Stat. 2064, as amended; Sec. 870.302(a)(3)(ii) also issued under Sec. 153, Public Law 104–134, 110 Stat. 1321; Sec. 870.302(a)(3) also issued under Secs. 11202(f), 11232(e), and 11246(b) and (c) of Public Law 105–33, 111 Stat. 251 and Sec. 7(e), Public Law 105–274, 112 Stat. 2419; Sec. 870.510 also issued under Sec. 1622(b) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 515.

Subpart E—Coverage

- 6. Add § 870.510 to read as follows:

§ 870.510 Continuation of eligibility for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

(a) A Federal employee who was employed by the Department of Defense

to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program as of the day before the date of the transfer of the Program to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, and was offered and accepted employment by the Corporation as part of the transition described in section 1612(d) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 517, is deemed to be an employee for purposes of this part during continuous employment with the Corporation unless the individual files an election under § 831.206(c) or § 842.109(c) of this title. Such a covered individual is treated as if he or she were a Federal employee for purposes of this part, and of any other part within this title relating to FEGLI. The individual is entitled to the benefits of, and is subject to all conditions under, FEGLI on the same basis as if the individual were an employee of the Federal Government.

(b) Cessation of employment with the Corporation for any period terminates eligibility for coverage under FEGLI as an employee during any subsequent employment by the Corporation.

(c) The Corporation must withhold from the pay of an individual described by paragraph (a) of this section an amount equal to the premiums withheld from the pay of a Federal employee for FEGLI coverage and, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Employees' Life Insurance Fund the amounts deducted from the individual's pay.

(d) The Corporation must, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Employees' Life Insurance Fund amounts equal to any agency contributions required under FEGLI.

PART 890—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

■ 7. The authority citation for part 890 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 8913; Sec. 890.303 also issued under Sec. 50 U.S.C. 403p, 22 U.S.C. 4069c and 4069c–1; Subpart L also issued under Sec. 599C of Public Law 101–513, 104 Stat. 2064, as amended; Sec. 890.102 also issued under Secs. 11202(f), 11232(e), 11246(b) and (c) of Public Law 105–33, 111 Stat. 251; Sec. 721 of Public Law 105–261, 112 Stat. 2061 unless otherwise noted; Sec. 890.111 also issued under Sec. 1622(b) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 515.

Subpart A—Administration and General Provisions

■ 8. Add § 890.111 to read as follows:

§ 890.111 Continuation of eligibility for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

(a) A Federal employee who was employed by the Department of Defense to support the Civilian Marksmanship Program as of the day before the date of the transfer of the Program to the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, and was offered and accepted employment by the Corporation as part of the transition described in section 1612(d) of Public Law 104–106, 110 Stat. 517, is deemed to be an employee for purposes of this part during continuous employment with the Corporation unless the individual files an election under § 831.206(c) or § 842.109(c) of this title. Such a covered individual is treated as if he or she were a Federal employee for purposes of this part, and of any other part within this title relating to the FEHB Program. The individual is entitled to the benefits of, and is subject to all conditions under, the FEHB Program on the same basis as if the individual were an employee of the Federal Government.

(b) Cessation of employment with the Corporation for any period terminates eligibility for coverage under the FEHB Program as an employee during any subsequent employment by the Corporation.

(c) The Corporation must withhold from the pay of an individual described by paragraph (a) of this section an amount equal to the premiums withheld from the pay of a Federal employee for FEHB coverage and, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Employees Health Benefits Fund the amounts deducted from the individual's pay.

(d) The Corporation must, in accordance with procedures established by OPM, pay into the Employees Health Benefits Fund amounts equal to any agency contributions required under the FEHB Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

7 CFR Part 1435

Sugar Program Definitions

CFR Correction

In Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1200 to 1599, revised as of January 1, 2009, on page 617, in § 1435.2, following the definition of

“ability to market”, reinstate the definition of “allocation” to read as follows:

§ 1435.2 Definitions.

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Allocation means the division of the beet sugar allotment among the sugar beet processors in the United States and the division of each State's cane sugar allotment among the State's sugarcane processors.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 151

Recognition of Breeds and Books of Record of Purebred Animals

CFR Correction

In Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1 to 199, revised as of January 1, 2009, on page 961, in § 151.1, remove the paragraph designation from the definition of “The Act” and place the definition in alphabetical order; and on page 970, remove the sectional authority citation at the end of § 151.9.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 23

[Docket No. CE304; Special Conditions No. 23–244–SC]

Special Conditions: Embraer (Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A.), Model EMB–505; Automatic Inhibition of Ice Protection System

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for the Embraer model EMB–505 airplane. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature(s) associated with operation of the airframe ice protection system. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator