

**§ 581.307**

discontinued. In cases where the obligor has a Thrift Savings Fund account, or has retired, or has separated and requested a refund of retirement contributions, or transferred, or is receiving benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, or where the employee obligor has been employed by either another governmental entity or by a private employer, and where this information is known by the governmental entity, the governmental entity shall provide the party with the designated agent for the new disbursing governmental entity or with the name and address of the private employer.

[45 FR 85667, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 48 FR 26281, June 7, 1983; 55 FR 1357, Jan. 16, 1990; 58 FR 35846, July 2, 1993]

**§ 581.307 Compliance with legal process requiring the payment of attorney fees, interest, and/or court costs.**

Before complying with legal process that requires withholding for the payment of attorney fees, interest, and/or court costs, the governmental entity must determine that the legal process meets both of the following requirements:

(a) The legal process must expressly provide for inclusion of attorney fees, interest, and/or court costs as (rather than in addition to) child support and/or alimony payments;

(b) The awarding of attorney fees, interest, and/or court costs as child support and/or alimony must be within the authority of the court, authorized official, or authorized State agency that issued the legal process. It will be deemed to be within the authority of the court, authorized official, or authorized State agency to award attorney fees as child support and/or alimony if such order is not in violation of or inconsistent with State or local law, even if State or local law does not expressly provide for such an award.

[55 FR 1357, Jan. 16, 1990]

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**Subpart D—Consumer Credit Protection Act Restrictions**

**§ 581.401 Aggregate disposable earnings.**

The “aggregate disposable earnings”, when used in reference to the amounts due from, or payable by, the United States or the District of Columbia which are garnishable under the Consumer Credit Protection Act for child support and/or alimony, are the obligor’s remuneration for employment less those amounts deducted in accordance with § 581.105.

**§ 581.402 Maximum garnishment limitations.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, pursuant to section 1673(b)(2) (A) and (B) of title 15 of the United States Code (the Consumer Credit Protection Act, as amended), unless a lower maximum garnishment limitation is provided by applicable State or local law, the maximum part of the aggregate disposable earnings subject to garnishment to enforce any support order(s) shall not exceed:

(1) Fifty percent of the obligor’s aggregate disposable earnings for any workweek, where the obligor asserts by affidavit, or by other acceptable evidence, that he or she is supporting a spouse, a dependent child, or both, other than the former spouse, child, or both, for whose support such order is issued, except that an additional five percent will apply if it appears on the face of the legal process, or from other evidence submitted in accordance with § 581.202(d), that such earnings are to enforce a support order for a period which is 12 weeks prior to that workweek. An obligor shall be considered to be supporting a spouse, dependent child, or both, only if the obligor provides over half of the support for a spouse, dependent child or both.

(2) Sixty percent of the obligor’s aggregate disposable earnings for any workweek, where the obligor fails to assert by affidavit or establishes by other acceptable evidence, that he or she is supporting a spouse, dependent child, or both, other than a former spouse, child, or both, with respect to whose support such order is issued, except that an additional five percent

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will apply if it appears on the face of the legal process, or from other evidence submitted in accordance with §581.202(d), that such earnings are to enforce a support order for a period which is 12 weeks prior to that work-week.

(3) Where, under §581.302(a)(2), an obligor submits evidence that he or she is supporting a second spouse, child, or both a second spouse and dependent child, copies of the evidence shall be sent by the governmental entity to the garnishor, or the garnishor's representative, as well as to the court, or other authority as specified in §581.102(f)(1), together with notification that the obligor's support claim will be honored. If the garnishor disagrees with the obligor's support claim, the garnishor should immediately refer the matter to the court, or other authority, for resolution.

(b) In instances where an obligor is receiving remuneration from more than one governmental entity, an authority described in §581.102(f)(1) may apply the limitations described in paragraph (a) of this section to the total remuneration, *i.e.*, to the combined aggregate disposable earnings received by the obligor.

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### Subpart E—Implementation by Governmental Entities

#### §581.501 Rules, regulations, and directives by governmental entities.

Appropriate officials of all governmental entities shall, to the extent necessary, issue implementing rules, regulations, or directives that are consistent with this part or as are otherwise in accordance with statutory law.

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#### APPENDIX A TO PART 581—LIST OF AGENTS DESIGNATED TO ACCEPT LEGAL PROCESS

[This appendix lists the agents designated to accept legal process for the Executive Branch of the United States, the United States Postal Service, the Postal Rate Commission, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Smithsonian Institution.]

#### I. DEPARTMENTS

##### *Department of Agriculture*

Office of the Secretary  
Office of the Deputy Secretary  
Office of the Under Secretaries  
Office of the Assistant Secretaries  
Director, Executive Resources and Services  
Division, Office of Personnel, Room 334 W—Administration Bldg., 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-6047

##### Office of Inspector General

Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Room 27E—Administration Bldg., 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-9110

##### Administration

Board of Contract Appeals  
Chief Financial Officer  
Judicial Officer  
Office of Administrative Law Judges  
Office of Budget and Program Analysis  
Office of Civil Rights Enforcement  
Office of Communications  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of Information and Resources Management  
Office of Operations  
Office of Personnel  
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Chief, Employment and Compensation Branch, Office of Personnel—POD, Room 31W—Administration Bldg., 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-9630, (202) 720-7797

Chief Economist Office of risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis World Agricultural Outlook Board

Chief, Economics and Statistics Operations Branch, Human Resources Division, Agricultural Research Service, Room 1424—South Bldg., 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-7657

Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services  
Consolidated Farm Service Agency  
Foreign Agricultural Service

Chief, Employee and Labor Relations Branch, Human Resources Division, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Room 6732—South Bldg., PO Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 720-5964

##### Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Room 6732—South Bldg., 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, (202) 720-5964