

**§ 1926.417 [Corrected]**

3. Paragraph (d) of § 1926.417 is removed.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Fiscal Service****31 CFR Part 211**

RIN 1510-AA55

**Delivery of Checks and Warrants to Addresses Outside the United States, Its Territories and Possessions**

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule revises the regulations governing the delivery of Treasury checks outside the United States by removing the reference to Vietnam. With the resumption of diplomatic relations, there is reasonable assurance that payees residing in Vietnam will receive and be able to negotiate Treasury checks for full value. An additional revision contained in this rule updates a reference to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 12, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to inquiries from payment certifying agencies regarding the possible resumption of the delivery of Treasury checks to Vietnam, the Department of the Treasury requested information from the Department of State (State) regarding banking and postal conditions in that country. State has advised that, within the past year, banking facilities in Vietnam have improved greatly and should continue to do so.

With respect to postal facilities, State has proposed a system whereby Treasury checks will be sent by diplomatic pouch to the American Embassy in Hanoi. Further delivery, by hand, to the American Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City also will be arranged by Embassy personnel. Because of the small number of payees residing in Vietnam, this arrangement is feasible for both Treasury and State. Additionally, it

is acceptable to payment certifying agencies.

Accordingly, there is reasonable assurance that payees living in Vietnam will receive checks drawn against funds of the United States and will be able to negotiate the same for full value. For this reason, 31 CFR 211.1(a) is being revised to delete the reference to Vietnam.

The regulation also contains outdated references to the Veterans Administration. This amendment will correctly refer to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Rulemaking Analysis**

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act do not apply.

It has been determined that, because this regulation involves a foreign affairs function of the United States, it is not subject to Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a Regulatory Assessment is not required.

**Notice and Comment**

Because this rule removes a restriction on the delivery of Treasury checks to a foreign country, the Department of the Treasury has determined that notice of proposed rulemaking, public procedure and a delayed effective date are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1), 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(1).

**List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 211**

Foreign banking, Foreign claims, Checks.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 31 CFR Part 211 is amended as set forth below.

**PART 211—DELIVERY OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS TO ADDRESSES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS**

1. The authority citation for part 211 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321 and 3329.

2. Section 211.1(a) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 211.1 Withholding delivery of checks.**

(a) It is hereby determined that postal, transportation or banking facilities in general or local conditions in the Republic of Cuba, Democratic Kampuchea, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) are such that there is not a reasonable assurance that a payee in those areas will actually receive checks

or warrants drawn against funds of the United States, or agencies or instrumentalities thereof, and be able to negotiate the same for full value.

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3. Section 211.2 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 211.2 Claims for the release of withheld checks or for the proceeds thereof.**

Claims for the release of checks or warrants withheld from delivery or for the proceeds thereof, shall be filed with the administrative agency which would have originally authorized such issuance, e.g., claims arising out of checks or warrants representing payments under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: July 23, 1996.

Russell D. Morris,  
*Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Part 571**

[Docket No. 95-13, Notice 02]

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**Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Glazing Materials**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this final rule, NHTSA permits the installation of a new item of motor vehicle glazing, Item 4A—*Rigid Plastic for Use in Side Windows*, in motor vehicles. In issuing the final rule, the agency seeks to provide greater flexibility for manufacturers to develop and use more aerodynamic, lighter weight glazing designs, resulting in lower fuel consumption.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* This final rule is effective September 11, 1996.

*Petitions for reconsideration:* Any petitions for reconsideration of this final rule must be received by NHTSA no later than September 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Any petition for reconsideration of this final rule should refer to the docket and notice number set forth in the heading of this document and be submitted to: