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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 338

RIN 3206-AH85

Qualification Requirements (General)

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations concerning the use of qualification standards. The proposed regulations clarify the use of OPM's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions when considering experience in making competitive service appointments.

DATES: Written comments will be considered if received on or before July 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to Mary Lou Lindholm, Associate Director for Employment, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Gonzales Vay, 202-606-0830, FAX 202-606-2329, or TDD 202-606-0023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed regulations are part of OPM's response to the requirements in section 17 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-65, December 19, 1995). OPM is required to promulgate regulations concerning the consideration of experience of applicants who are being considered for positions in the competitive service. We are adding a statement to part 338 to clarify that experience is considered as outlined in OPM's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. The Operating Manual is available to the public for review at agency personnel offices and Federal depository libraries, and for purchase from the Government Printing Office.

In addition, section 17 requires OPM to conduct a study on excepted service considerations when making appointments in the competitive service. The purpose is to determine how the experience of candidates is evaluated. As part of this proposed rulemaking, we are soliciting suggestions from agencies as to what types of information should be gathered and evaluated by such a study.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it affects only certain Federal employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 338

Government employees.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

Accordingly, OPM is proposing to amend part 338 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 338—QUALIFICATION STANDARDS (GENERAL)

1. The authority citation for part 338 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302, 3304; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

2. Subpart C is added to read as follows:

Subpart C—Consideration for Appointment

§ 338.301 Competitive Service Appointment.

Agencies must ensure that employees who are given competitive service appointments meet the requirements included in the Office of Personnel Management's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. The Operating Manual is available to the public for review at agency personnel offices and Federal depository libraries, and for purchase from the Government Printing Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Part 575

[97-51]

RIN 1550-AB00

Mutual Holding Companies

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is proposing to amend its mutual holding company regulations to permit mutual holding companies (MHCs) to establish a subsidiary stock holding company that would hold all of the stock of a savings association subsidiary. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) follows a review of the comments received in response to an advance notice of proposed rulemaking. The OTS proposes to permit the establishment of intermediate stock holding companies (SHCs) that will be subject to restrictions that are substantially similar to those currently applicable to MHCs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention Docket No. 97-51. These submissions may be hand-delivered to 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202) 906-7755 or by e-mail: public info@ots.treas.gov. Those commenting by e-mail should include their name and phone number. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James H. Underwood, Special Counsel (202/906-7354), Dwight C. Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel (202/906-6990), Business Transactions Division, Chief Counsel's Office; Gary Masters, Financial Analyst (202/906-6729) Corporate Activities Division; Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20552.