

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority**

This statement amends parts S and T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter TA covers the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Policy. Notice is given that Subchapter TAJ, the Office of International Policy is being amended to reflect a realignment. The Division of International Program Policy and Agreements (TAJA) and the International Activities Staff (TAJB) are being abolished. A Deputy Associate Commissioner for International Policy position is being established and the organization will function under a team-based environment. Notice is further given that Subchapter TAH, the Office of Hearings and Appeals is being amended to reflect minor organizational and functional changes in that office. The changes are as follows:

Section TAJ.10 *The Office of International Policy*—(Organization):

Amend first sentence to read:

The Office of International Policy, under the leadership of the Associate Commissioner for International Policy includes:

Delete:

C. The Division of International Program Policy and Agreements (TAJA).

D. The International Activities Staff (TAJB).

Establish:

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner for International Policy (TAJ).

Reletter the current "B" to "C".

Section TAJ.20 *The Office of International Policy*—(Functions):

Delete in their entirety:

C. The Division of International Program Policy and Agreements (TAJA).

D. The International Activities Staff (TAJB).

Establish:

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner for International Policy (TAJ) assists the Associate Commissioner in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties the Associate Commissioner may prescribe.

Reletter the current "B" to "C" and amend new C as follows.

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for International Policy (TAJ) provides the Associate Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities, helps coordinate the activities of OIP, and acts as the SSA or

United States Government representative to international organizations and world bodies involved with international social security matters.

1. Plans, develops and evaluates program policies and procedures relating to foreign claims administration, foreign evidence and beneficiaries and modifies policies and procedures to meet program requirements in foreign countries.

2. Negotiates international Social Security (totalization) agreements with foreign governments and takes the actions necessary to secure their approval, develops policies and procedures to implement agreements and administers the coverage provisions of the agreements.

3. Issues certificates of coverage to United States-based workers who are on temporary assignments in countries with which the United States has international totalization agreements to exempt them (and their employers) from foreign social security taxes.

4. Interacts with various SSA components, other Federal agencies and governments of other countries on all foreign program matters, including evaluation of foreign social insurance systems for alien nonpayment purposes, benefit payment delivery and restrictions, acceptability of foreign evidence, program integrity and mutual assistance arrangements with other countries.

5. Conducts legislative and regulatory reviews, studies and analyses of all matters relating to international policy and international Social Security agreements and takes necessary legislative or regulatory action on foreign program and agreement problems requiring such remedy.

6. Develops and coordinates individualized programs of consultation and observation for foreign Social Security officials and experts in related fields on the United States Social Security system.

7. Coordinates SSA's technical assistance to foreign countries in designing and/or modernizing existing social security systems.

8. Serves as SSA's focal point in disseminating information about the United States Social Security program to foreign organizations.

9. Plans and coordinates SSA's international travel plan, including providing logistical support and administering all activities relating to control of official passports for SSA staff traveling abroad.

10. Plans, implements and manages SSA-hosted international conferences, meetings and seminars.

Section TAH.10. *The Office of Hearings and Appeals*—(Organization):

D. The Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge (TAHA).
Retitle:

3. The Vocational Expert and Medical Advisor Staff (TAHA3) to the Vocational Expert and Medical Expert Staff (TAHA3).

F. Office of Appellate Operations (TAHB).

Retitle:

25. The Division of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Supplemental Security Income and Health Insurance (TAHBT) to The Division of Retirement and Survivors Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (TAHBT).

Section TAH.20. *The Office of Hearings and Appeals*—(Functions):

F. The Office of Appellate Operations (TAHB). Delete all text after the first sentence and replace with:

In accordance with a direct delegation of authority from the Commissioner of Social Security, the Appeals Council is the final level of administrative review under the Administrative Procedure Act for claims filed under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended. The Executive Director of the Office of Appellate Operations (OAO) is the Deputy Chair of the Appeals Council and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of a program of administrative review of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decisions issued under the provisions of the Social Security Act. Upon claimant request or on the Appeals Council's own motion, reviews ALJ decisions and dismissals involving claims for benefits filed under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended, and claims under Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended, to determine if jurisdiction exists, and if so, takes appropriate action. The Appeals Council identifies cases which represent broad policy matters or have national impact, conducts oral hearings and acts to resolve the issues in such cases, establishing binding adjudicatory standards and decisional principles that govern OHA's adjudicatory process. Tracks and analyzes court case trends and disseminates information to guide adjudicators with respect to case law, to implement an effective appeals strategy, and to identify areas and make recommendations as to policies which need to be developed and/or clarified, new regulations which need to be developed and/or clarified, or clarifying legislation which should be sought.

Retitle:

25. The Division of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Supplemental Security Income and Health Insurance (TAHBT) to The Division of Retirement and Survivors Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (TAHBT).

Delete first sentence and replace with: 25. The Division of Retirement and Survivors Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (TAHBT) serves as a support staff and provides advice to the Appeals Council in its review of decisions and dismissals involving claims to establish entitlement and the amount of benefits in old-age, survivors and disability under Title II of the Social Security Act; and claims to establish eligibility for any benefits payable in Title XVI cases.

H. The Office of Management (TAHE)

Add as the last two sentences to opening statement: Plans, directs, and provides administrative support services in the areas of safety and self-protection. Administers security programs and inspections, and coordinates with local law enforcement officials to ensure protection of OHA property and personnel, including emergency planning and security.

4. The Division of Materiel Resources (TAHE4).

Delete from first sentence "safety and self protection, including emergency planning; security;"

Delete last sentence in its entirety.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Paul D. Barnes,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application to Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at the Quincy Municipal Airport—Baldwin Field, Quincy, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Rule on Application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at the Quincy Municipal Airport—Baldwin Field under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L.

101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Leon Kowalski, Director of Public Works, City of Quincy at the following address: City of Quincy, City Hall, 730 Main Street, Quincy Illinois 62301.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Quincy under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip M. Smithmeyer, P.E., Assistant Manager, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 E. Devon Ave., Room 260, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 294-7435. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Quincy Municipal Airport—Baldwin Field under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On June 3, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the City of Quincy was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than September 9, 1997.

The following is a brief overview of the application:

PFC application number: 97-02-C-00-UIN.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: June 30, 1997.

Proposed charge expiration date: March 1, 2003.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$303,740.00.

Brief description of proposed project(s): PFC Application Fee; Local Share Aerial Mapping for Airport Layout Plan; Local Share for Phase 1 Reconstruction of Runway 4/22; Reconstruction for Sanitary Sewer Line;

Terminal Roof Reconstruction; Local Share for Phase 2 Reconstruction of Runway 4/22; Local Share for Reconstruction of Runway 13/31; Construct a Bituminous Overlay on T-Hangar Access Road.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Charters.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the City of Quincy.

Issued in Des Plaines, Illinois on June 18, 1997.

Irene Porter,

Acting Manager, Planning and Programming Branch, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. 97-033; Notice 1]

Vehicle Size and Safety; Relationship of Vehicle Weight to Fatality and Injury Risk in Model Year 1985-93 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks; Summary Report and Six Technical Reports

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

ACTION: Request for comments on summary report and six technical reports.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the publication by NHTSA of a summary report and six technical reports describing how a vehicle's size affects the safety of its occupants and the safety of those sharing the road. The summary report's title is *Relationship of Vehicle Weight to Fatality and Injury Risk in Model Year 1985-93 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks*.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES:

Report: Interested people may obtain copies of the reports free of charge by sending a self-addressed mailing label to Publications Ordering and Distribution Services (NAD-51), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.