

POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 3****Amendments to Bylaws of the Board of Governors Concerning Plans and Reports Under the Government Performance and Review Act**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service has approved amendments to its bylaws. The amendments reserve to the Board approval of Postal Service plans and reports under the Government Performance and Review Act and reserve to the Governors the transmission of semi-annual reports under the Inspector General Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Koerber, (202) 268-4800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Governors of the Postal Service consists of nine Presidentially appointed Governors, and the Postmaster General and Deputy Postmaster General. 39 U.S.C. 202. The bylaws of the Board list certain matters reserved for action by the Board and certain other matters reserved for action by the Governors alone. 39 CFR 3.3, 3.4. At its meeting on July 1, 1997, the Board approved two conforming amendments to these bylaws.

One amendment concerns 39 U.S.C. 2801-2805, as enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act. The Board amended § 3.3 of the bylaws to insert a new paragraph (v), reserving to the Board the approval and transmittal to the President and the Congress of the plans and reports which will be required to be submitted periodically under the Results Act. These are the strategic plans required by 39 U.S.C. 2802, the performance plans required by 39 U.S.C. 2803, and the program performance reports required by 39 U.S.C. 2804. The performance plans and program performance reports are required by the statute to be included in the annual comprehensive statement required under 39 U.S.C. 2401(e), which is already reserved for approval and transmittal by the Board under bylaw section 3.3(t).

The second amendment added to § 3.4 a new paragraph (h), which reserves to the Governors the transmittal to the Congress of the semi-annual report of the Inspector General required under section 5 of the Inspector General Act, as amended. 5 U.S.C. app. The Inspector General Act requires the reports to be transmitted by the head of the agency.

Under section 8G of the Inspector General Act, as amended by Public Law 104-208 (1997), the Governors function as the head of the Postal Service with respect to the Inspector General Act.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Organization and functions (Government agencies), Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR Part 3 is amended as follows:

PART 3—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 3 is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 202, 203, 205, 401 (2), (10), 402, 1003, 2802-2804, 3013; 5 U.S.C. 552b (g), (j); Inspector General Act, 5 U.S.C. app.

2. Section 3.3 is amended by republishing the introductory text; redesignating paragraph (v) as paragraph (w); and by adding new paragraph (v) to read as follows:

§ 3.3 Matters reserved for decision by the Board.

The following matters are reserved for decision by the Board of Governors:

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(v) Approval and transmittal to the President and the Congress of the Postal Service's strategic plan pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, 39 U.S.C. 2802; approval of the Postal Service annual performance plan under 39 U.S.C. 2803 and the Postal Service program performance report under 39 U.S.C. 2804, which are included in the comprehensive statement under 39 U.S.C. 2401.

3. Section 3.4 is amended by republishing the introductory text and adding new paragraph (h) at the end of that section to read as follows:

§ 3.4 Matters reserved for decision by the Governors.

The following matters are reserved for decision by the Governors:

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(h) Transmittal to the Congress of the semi-annual report of the Inspector General under section 5 of the Inspector General Act.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[MD040-4014a and MD047-4014a; FRL-5867-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From Degreasing Operations and Vehicle Refinishing, and Definition of Motor Vehicle

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maryland on July 12, 1995 and July 17, 1995. These revisions establish volatile organic compound emission reduction requirements for degreasing operations and vehicle refinishing throughout the State of Maryland, and a definition for the term "motor vehicle." The intended effect of this action is to approve these amendments to the Maryland SIP, in accordance with the SIP submittal and revision provisions of the Act.

DATES: This final rule is effective September 18, 1997 unless within September 3, 1997 adverse or critical comments are received. If the effective date is delayed, timely notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO and Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore Maryland 21224.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 12, 1995, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submitted new and revised regulations to EPA as State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions.