

rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the following proposed amendments to the Code of the Federal Regulations.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 501

Administrative practice and procedure.

For the reasons set forth above, the Postal Service proposes to amend 39 CFR part 501 as follows:

PART 501—AUTHORIZATION TO MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTE POSTAGE METERS

1. The authority citation for part 501 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 410, 2610, 2605; Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (pub L. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App 3.

2. Section 501.22 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 501.22 Distribution controls.

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(b) On behalf of applicants, transmit electronically copies of completed PS Forms 3601-A, Application for a License to Lease and Use Postage meters, to the designated Postal Service central data processing facility. The Postal Service may use Applicant Information for the following purposes in the administration of postage meter and related activities:

(1) Issuance (including re-licensing, renewal, transfer, revocation or denial, as applicable) of a meter license to a postal patron that uses a postage meter, and communications with respect to the status of such license.

(2) Disclosure to a meter manufacturer of the identity of any meter required to be removed from service by that meter manufacturer, and any related licensee data, as the result of revocation of a meter license, questioned accurate registration of that meter, or de-certification by the Postal Service of any particular class or model of postage meter.

(3) Use for the purpose of tracking the movement of meters between a meter manufacturer and its customers and communications to a meter manufacturer (but not to any third party other than the applicant/licensee) concerning such movement. The term "meter manufacturer" includes a meter manufacturer's dealers and agents.

(4) To transmit general information to all meter customers concerning rate and rate category changes implemented or proposed for implementation by the United States Postal Service.

(5) To advertise Postal Service services relating to the acceptance,

processing, delivery, or postage payment of mail matter to all meter customers.

(6) Any internal use by Postal Service personnel, including identification and monitoring activities relating to postage meters, provided that such use does not result in the disclosure of Applicant Information to any third party or will not enable any third party to use Applicant Information for its own purposes; except that the Applicant Information may be disclosed to other governmental agencies for law enforcement purposes as provided by law.

(7) Identification of authorized meter manufacturers or announcements of de-authorization of an authorized meter manufacturer, or provision of currently available public information, where an authorized meter manufacturer is identified, all authorized meter manufacturers will be identified, and the same information will be provided to all meter customers.

(8) To promote and encourage the use of postage meters, including remotely set postage meters, as a form of postage payment, provided that the same information is provided to all meter customers, and no particular meter manufacturer will be recommended by the Postal Service.

(9) To contact meter customers in cases of revenue fraud or revenue security except that any meter customer suspected of fraud shall not be identified to other meter customers.

(10) Disclosure to a meter manufacturer of Applicant Information pertaining to that meter manufacturer's customers that the Postal Service views as necessary to enable the Postal Service to carry out its duties and purposes.

(11) To a meter manufacturer of all applicant and postage meter information pertaining to that manufacturer's customers and postage meters that may be necessary to synchronize the computer files of the manufacturer with the computer files of the Postal Service including but not limited to computerized data that reside in Postal Service meter management databases.

(12) Subject to the conditions stated herein, to communicate in oral or written form with any or all applicants any information that the Postal Service views as necessary to enable the Postal Service to carry out its duties and purposes.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IL147-1a, IL156-1a; FRL-5965-2]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve two Illinois site-specific State Implementation Plan revision requests, dated January 23, 1996, and January 9, 1997, submitted to EPA to revise or delay certain reasonably available control technology requirements to control volatile organic compound emissions at Solar Corporation's manufacturing facility located in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse written comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all written public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before March 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark J. Palermo, Environmental Protection Specialist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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