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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AJ22

Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Philadelphia, PA, Special Wage Schedule for Printing Positions

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to abolish the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Federal Wage System (FWS) special wage schedule for printing positions. Printing and lithographic employees in the Philadelphia wage area will now be paid from the regular Philadelphia appropriated fund FWS wage area schedule. This change is necessary because there are no longer enough printing and lithographic employees in the wage area to conduct the local special wage survey successfully.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This regulation is effective on September 18, 2000. *Applicability Date:* This regulation applies on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after September 18, 2000. Comments must be received by September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200, or FAX: (202) 606-4264.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Hopkins by phone at (202) 606-

2848; by FAX at (202) 606-0824; or by email at jdhopkin@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is abolishing the Philadelphia, PA, Federal Wage System (FWS) special wage schedule for printing positions. The Department of Defense (DOD) recommended that we abolish this special wage schedule because it has become extremely difficult for DOD to release adequate numbers of employees to conduct the local special wage survey successfully.

The number of printing and lithographic employees in the wage area has declined from 117 employees in 1995 to 5 employees currently. These five employees are located at the Defense Logistics Agency in the Philadelphia wage area. The decline in employees is expected to continue until there are no longer any printing and lithographic employees in the wage area. DOD found it increasingly difficult to comply with the requirement that employees paid from the special printing schedule participate in the local special wage survey process. The 1998 full-scale special wage survey required contacting 102 establishments in 5 counties in Pennsylvania and 3 counties in New Jersey.

Printing and lithographic employees will convert to the Philadelphia FWS regular wage schedule. Each employee's new rate of pay will be set at the step rate for the applicable grade of the regular wage schedule that equals the employee's existing rate of pay. If an employee's existing pay rate falls between two steps on the regular schedule, the new rate will be set at the higher of the two steps.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, the national labor-management committee that advises OPM on FWS pay matters, reviewed and concurred by consensus with this change.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

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

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

Accordingly, the Office of Personnel Management amends 5 CFR part 532 as follows:

PART 532—PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS

1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5343, 5346; § 532.707 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552.

§ 532.279 [Amended]

2. In § 532.279, remove paragraph (j)(3).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

7 CFR Part 225

RIN 0584-AC23; 0584-AC06

Summer Food Service Program: Correction

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final regulations published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, December 28, 1999 (64 FR 72474-72488), and Wednesday, December 29, 1999 (64 FR 72889-72898). The Agency incorrectly designated certain paragraphs of section 225.14(d) at 64 FR 72486 (December 28, 1999) and 64 FR 72898 (December 29, 1999). This amendment corrects those errors. For the convenience of the reader, we have revised paragraph (d) of section 225.14 in its entirety.

DATES: This correcting amendment is effective January 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Rothstein, Section Chief, Child and Adult Care and Summer Programs, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1007, Alexandria, VA 22302-1594.