

Geographic coverage/ allowance category	Authorized al- lowance rate (percent)
All employees .....	23.25
County of Maui and County of Kalawao: All employees .....	23.75
<b>Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is- lands</b>	
Local Retail .....	25.00
Commissary/Exchange .....	22.50
<b>Commonwealth of Puerto Rico</b>	
All Employees .....	11.50
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>	
All Employees .....	22.50

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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**5 CFR Part 1201**

**Practices and Procedures**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) is amending its rules of practice and procedure in this part to reflect the relocation of its Washington Regional Office. On September 11, 2000, the Board relocated its Washington Regional Office from 5203 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia, to 1800 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Appendix II of this part is amended to show the new address. The facsimile number and the geographical areas served by the Washington Regional Office are unchanged.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 3, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board, (202) 653-7200.

The Board is publishing this rule as a final rule pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1204(h).

**List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 1201.**

Administrative practice and procedure, Civil rights, Government employees.

Accordingly, the Board amends 5 CFR part 1201 as follows:

**PART 1201—PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

1. The authority citation for part 1201 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 1204 and 7701, unless otherwise noted.

2. Amend Appendix II to 5 CFR part 1201 in item 4. by removing “5203 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1109, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3473” and adding, in its place “1800 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22314”.

Dated: September 27, 2000.

**Robert E. Taylor,**

*Clerk of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Immigration and Naturalization Service**

**8 CFR Part 234**

[INS No. 2045-00]

RIN 1115-AF72

**Landing Requirements for Passengers Arriving From Cuba**

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) regulations by providing that aircraft and passengers arriving in the United States from Cuba must enter the United States at either the John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, California or the Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida unless advance permission to land elsewhere has been obtained from the Office of Field Operations at Headquarters.

This rule is necessary to facilitate licensed travel to and from Cuba, including family reunification for Cuban resident aliens and United States citizens of Cuban heritage living in U.S. cities other than in South Florida.

**DATES:** This rule is effective October 3, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth A. Tisdale, Assistant Chief Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4064, Washington, DC 20536, telephone number (202) 514-0912.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**What Are the Present Requirements Regarding the Location and Inspection of Flights From Cuba?**

Section 234.2(a) provides that:

- Aircraft carrying passengers or crew who are required to be inspected under

section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) on flights originating in Cuba shall land only at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, unless

- Advance permission to land elsewhere has been obtained from the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Miami, Florida.

**Why Are Flights From Cuba Being Allowed To Land at Other Airports?**

In a statement issued on January 5, 1999, the President announced a series of humanitarian measures designed to reach out to and ease the plight of the Cuban people and to help them prepare for a democratic future. As one of these measures, the President authorized the restoration of flights between Cuba and some cities in the United States in addition to South Florida. The purpose of this measure is to facilitate licensed travel to and from Cuba, including family reunification for Cuban resident aliens and U.S. citizens of Cuban heritage living in the United States cities other than in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area.

**What Airports Are Being Designated Under This Rule?**

Section 235.2(a) is being amended to allow direct flights from Cuba to land at:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York,
- Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles California, or
- Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida.

**Will Flights From Cuba Be Allowed To Land at Any Other Airports in the United States, Particularly Fort Lauderdale?**

No, direct flights will not be allowed to land at any other airport in the United States, including Fort Lauderdale, unless advance permission to land elsewhere has been obtained from the Office of Field Operations at Headquarters.

**Have Other Agencies Acted on the President's Announcement?**

The Department of State and the National Security Council have specifically directed that direct charter passenger flights by persons who possess a valid Office of Foreign Assets Control Carrier Service Provider authorization may operate between Cuba and John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, California, or Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida.