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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting by its Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation pursuant to delegated authority (12 CFR 265.7(f)(10)), August 20, 2001.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

31 CFR Part 357

[Department of the Treasury Circular, Public Debt Series, No. 2-86]

Regulations Governing Book-Entry Treasury Bonds, Notes, and Bills; Determination Regarding State Statute; South Carolina

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Determination of substantially identical state statute.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury is announcing that it has reviewed the recently enacted South Carolina law adopting the 1994 Revision of Article 8 of the U.C.C. along with the conforming amendments from the 1998 Revision of Article 9 of the U.C.C. and has determined that it is substantially identical to the uniform version of Revised Article 8 for purposes of interpreting the rules in 31 CFR part 357, subpart B (the "TRADES" regulations).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: See Supplemental Information for electronic access.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Copies of this notice are available for downloading from the Bureau of the Public Debt home page at: <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

On August 23, 1996, The Department published a final rule to govern securities held in the commercial book-entry system, also referred to as the Treasury/Reserve Automated Debt Entry System ("TRADES"), 61 FR 43626.

In the commentary to the final regulations, Treasury stated that for the 28 states that had by then adopted Revised Article 8, the versions enacted were "substantially identical" to the uniform version for purposes of the rule. Therefore, for those states, that portion of the TRADES rule requiring application of Revised Article 8 was not invoked. Treasury also indicated in the commentary that as additional states adopt Revised Article 8, notice would be provided in the **Federal Register** as to whether the enactments are substantially identical to the uniform

version so that the federal application of Revised Article 8 would no longer be in effect for those states. Treasury adopted this approach in an attempt to provide certainty in the application of the rule in response to public comments.

We have subsequently published notices setting forth our determination concerning 23 additional states' enactment of Revised Article 8. See 62 FR 26, January 2, 1997; 62 FR 34010, June 18, 1997; 62 FR 61912, November 20, 1997; 63 FR 20099, April 23, 1998; 63 FR 35807, July 1, 1998; 63 FR 50159, September 21, 1998; and 66 FR 33832, June 26, 2001. Thus, prior to this notice, a total of 51 jurisdictions (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, which are treated as states), have enacted statutes deemed by Treasury as substantially identical to the uniform version of Revised Article 8.

We note that South Carolina's enactment of Article 8 includes conforming revisions made by Revised Article 9 (1998), which the state also enacted. The TRADES rules define "Revised Article 8" as the 1994 Official Text with conforming amendments (§ 357.2). Consistent with our notice published June 26, 2001 (66 FR 33832) concerning Revised Article 9, we have reviewed these changes and conclude that the law enacted by South Carolina is "substantially identical" to the 1994 version of Article 8 for purposes of the TRADES rules. Therefore, if either § 357.10(b) or § 357.11(b) directs a person to South Carolina, the provisions of §§ 357.10(c) and 357.11(d) of the TRADES rule are not applicable.

As noted in our June 26, 2001 notice, several technical or conforming changes to the TRADES regulations required by Revised Article 9 will be published in the near future.

Van Zeck,

Commissioner of the Public Debt.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 10

[Docket No. 010724188-1188-01]

Interpretation of Registration of Agents and Representative for Director of Enrollment and Discipline in Disciplinary Proceedings

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Interpretation of regulation.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or "Office") implements an interpretation of certain regulatory provisions. These provisions concern the composition and operations of the Committee on Discipline and representation of the Director in disciplinary cases. The interpretation is necessary in view of the recent creation of the Office of General Counsel at the USPTO. The Patent and Trademark Office Efficiency Act (PTOEA) reestablished the Patent and Trademark Office as the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a performance-based organization with responsibility for its own operations. Consequently, the Office has responsibility for many functions formerly provided by the Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interpretation is issued August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Moatz, by mail addressed to United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box OED, Washington, DC 20231, (Attn: OED Director) or by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-4631, or by electronic mail at harry.moatz@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 37 CFR 10.140(b) relates to whom within the USPTO represents the Director of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director) in disciplinary proceedings, and who shall be available as counsel to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO Director) in deciding such proceedings. For example, it states that at least two associate solicitors shall be designated to represent the OED Director. It also states that the Solicitor and Deputy Solicitor shall advise the USPTO Director.

Additionally, the last sentence of 37 CFR 10.4(b) identifies the USPTO employees that shall not participate in rendering a decision on disciplinary changes. Among those identified as not participating in rendering decisions are associate and assistant solicitors of the Office of the Solicitor. In addition, the PTOEA designated the head of the USPTO as Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO. 35 U.S.C. 3(a)(1).

As a result, it is necessary and appropriate to interpret the last sentence of § 10.4(b) and § 10.140(b) in view of this reorganization. Because these are interpretive statements of rules, they are exempt from notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A). For the reasons set forth in the

preamble, the United States Patent and Trademark Office interprets §§ 10.4(b) and 10.140(b) as follows:

The last sentence of § 10.4(b) provides, "When charges are brought against a practitioner, no member of the Committee on Discipline, employee under the direction of the Director, or associate solicitor or assistant solicitor in the Office of the Solicitor shall participate in rendering a decision on the charges." This sentence is construed as providing that when charges are brought against a practitioner, the designated attorneys in the Office of General Counsel (including assistant and associate solicitors, and associate counsel) shall not participate in rendering a decision on the charges.

The first sentence of § 10.140(b) provides, "The Commissioner shall designate at least two associate solicitors in the Office of the Solicitor to act as representatives for the Director in disciplinary proceedings." This sentence is construed as authorizing the USPTO Director to designate at least two attorneys (including assistant and associate solicitors, and associate counsel) in the Office of General Counsel to act as representatives for the OED Director in disciplinary proceedings.

The second sentence of § 10.140(b) provides, "In prosecuting disciplinary proceedings, the designated associate solicitors shall not involve the Solicitor or the Deputy Solicitor." This sentence is construed as providing that in prosecuting disciplinary proceedings, the designated attorneys in the Office of General Counsel (including assistant and associate solicitors, and associate counsel) shall not involve the General Counsel or the Deputy General Counsel for General Law.

The third sentence of § 10.140(b) provides, "The Solicitor and the Deputy Solicitor shall remain insulated from the investigation and prosecution of all disciplinary proceedings in order that they shall be available as counsel to the Commissioner in deciding disciplinary proceedings." This is construed as providing that the General Counsel and the Deputy General Counsel for General Law shall remain insulated from the investigation and prosecution of all disciplinary proceedings in order that they shall be available as counsel to the USPTO Director in deciding disciplinary proceedings. However, the Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor shall not remain insulated from the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and thus shall not be available to counsel the USPTO Director in deciding such proceedings.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

Nicholas P. Godici,

Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900-AK96

Certification for Eligibility for Adaptive Equipment for Automobiles or Other Conveyances

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adjudication regulations concerning the criteria for certification for eligibility for financial assistance for adaptive equipment for automobiles or other conveyances by updating cross-references to pertinent medical regulations that have been recodified. These changes are made for clarity and accuracy.

DATES: Effective Date: August 24, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy A. McKeivitt, Consultant, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273-7138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule consists of nonsubstantive changes and, therefore, is not subject to the notice and comment and effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553.

The Secretary hereby certifies that this regulatory amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This rule merely consists of nonsubstantive changes. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

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List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Radioactive materials, Veterans, Vietnam.