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(iii) From subsection (e)(1) because it is not always possible to detect the relevance or necessity of each piece of information in the early stages of an investigation. In some cases, it is only after the information is evaluated in light of other evidence that its relevance and necessity will be clear.

(iv) From subsections (e)(4)(G) and (H) because this system of records is compiled for investigative purposes and is exempt from the access provisions of subsections (d) and (f).

(v) From subsection (e)(4)(I) because to the extent that this provision is construed to require more detailed disclosure than the broad, generic information currently published in the system notice, an exemption from this provision is necessary to protect the confidentiality of sources of information and to protect privacy and physical safety of witnesses and informants.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2009-OS-0148]

### 32 CFR part 322

### Privacy Act; Implementation

**AGENCY:** National Security Agency/  
Central Security Service, DoD.

**ACTION:** Final rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Security Agency/Central Security Service is adding an exemption rule for the system of records GNSA 26, "NSA/CSS Accounts Receivable, Indebtedness and Claims." The Privacy Act system of record notice has already been published on August 19, 2009 (74 FR 41872).

**DATES:** The rule will be effective on December 28, 2009 unless comments are

received that would result in a contrary determination. Comments will be accepted on or before December 28, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number, RIN number and title, by any of the following methods.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C843, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ann Hill at (301) 688-6527.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense are not significant rules. The rules do not (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a sector of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or State, local, or Tribal governments or communities; (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency; (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive order.

#### Public Law 96-354, "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6)

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense do not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they are concerned only with the administration of Privacy Act systems of records within the Department of Defense.

#### Public Law 96-511, "Paperwork Reduction Act" (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)

It has been determined that Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense impose no information requirements beyond the Department of Defense and that the information collected within the Department of Defense is necessary and consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552a, known as the Privacy Act of 1974.

#### Section 202, Public Law 104-4, "Unfunded Mandates Reform Act"

It has been determined that the Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense do not involve a Federal mandate that may result in the expenditure by State, local and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more and that such rulemaking will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments.

#### Executive Order 13132, "Federalism"

It has been determined that the Privacy Act rules for the Department of Defense do not have federalism implications. The rules do not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

#### List of Subjects in 32 CFR part 322

Privacy.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 322 is amended as follows:

#### PART 322—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 322 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Public Law 93-579, 88 Stat. 1896 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

■ 2. Section 322.7 is amended by adding and reserving paragraph (r), and adding paragraph (s) to read as follows:

#### § 322.7 Exempt systems of records.

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(s) GNSA 26.

(1) *System Name:* NSA/CSS Accounts Receivable, Indebtedness and Claims.

(2) *Exemption:* (i) Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of subsection 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he would otherwise be entitled by Federal law or for which he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of the information, the individual will be provided access to

the information exempt to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of a confidential source. **NOTE:** When claimed, this exemption allows limited protection of investigative reports maintained in a system of records used in personnel or administrative actions.

(ii) Records maintained solely for statistical research or program evaluation purposes and which are not used to make decisions on the rights, benefits, or entitlement of an individual except for census records which may be disclosed under 13 U.S.C. 8, may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(4).

(3) Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2)(k)(4).

(4) *Reasons:* (i) From subsection (c)(3) because the release of the disclosure accounting would place the subject of an investigation on notice that they are under investigation and provide them with significant information concerning the nature of the investigation, thus resulting in a serious impediment to law enforcement investigations.

(ii) From subsections (d) and (f) because providing access to records of a civil or administrative investigation and the right to contest the contents of those records and force changes to be made to the information contained therein would seriously interfere with and thwart the orderly and unbiased conduct of the investigation and impede case preparation. Providing access rights normally afforded under the Privacy Act would provide the subject with valuable information that would allow interference with or compromise of witnesses or render witnesses reluctant to cooperate; lead to suppression, alteration, or destruction of evidence; enable individuals to conceal their wrongdoing or mislead the course of the investigation; and result in the secreting of or other disposition of assets that would make them difficult or impossible to reach in order to satisfy any Government claim growing out of the investigation or proceeding.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2009-OS-0006]

### 32 CFR Part 323

#### Privacy Act; Implementation

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Final rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is updating the DLA Privacy Act Program Rules, 32 CFR part 323, by replacing the (k)(2) exemption with a (k)(5) exemption to more accurately describe the basis for exempting the records. The Privacy Act system of records notice, S500.20, entitled "Defense Logistics Agency Criminal Incident Reporting System Records", has already been published on January 22, 2009 (74 FR 4006).

**DATES:** The rule will be effective on December 28, 2009 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination. Comments will be accepted on or before December 28, 2009.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jody Sinkler at (703) 767-5045.

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