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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. 110613329-1329-01]

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15 CFR Part 4

Disclosure of Government Information

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Department of Commerce's (Department) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations by changing the officials authorized to deny requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act, and requests for correction or amendment under the Privacy Act (PA), for the Office of Inspector General.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wade Green, Jr., Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, 202-482-5992.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations at Appendix B to 15 CFR part 4 designate the officials authorized to deny requests for records under the FOIA, and requests for records and requests for correction or amendment under the PA. The Department of Commerce amends these regulations by changing the designated officials for the "Office of Inspector General from the Counsel to the Inspector General; Deputy Counsel to the Inspector General" to the "FOIA Officer; Senior Associate Counsel to the Inspector General."

Classification

Executive Order 12866: It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Executive Order 13132: It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in E.O. 13132.

Paperwork Reduction Act: This rule does not involve a collection of information and, therefore, does not implicate requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 5201 *et seq.*) (PRA).

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person is required to respond to nor be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number.

Administrative Procedure Act: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning agency organization, procedure, or practice. This rule merely changes the name of the officials who are authorized to deny requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act, and requests for correction or amendment under the Privacy Act.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(e), the Department finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness. This rule merely changes the name of the officials who are authorized to deny requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act, and requests for correction or amendment under the Privacy Act.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 4

Freedom of information, Privacy.

For the reasons above, amend 15 CFR Part 4 as follows:

PART 4—DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

- 1. The authority citation for part 4 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 5 U.S.C. 552; 5 U.S.C. 552a; 5 U.S.C. 553; 31 U.S.C. 3717; 44 U.S.C. 3101; Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1950.

Appendix B to Part 4—[Amended]

- 2. In Appendix B to part 4, under the heading OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, remove "Office of the Inspector General; Counsel to the Inspector General; Deputy Counsel to the Inspector General" and add in its place "Office of the Inspector General; FOIA Officer; Senior Associate Counsel to the Inspector General."

Dated: June 29, 2011.

Jonathan R. Cantor,
Chief Privacy Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 200

[Release No. 34-64778]

Delegation of Authority to the Director of Its Division of Enforcement

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is amending its rules to delegate authority to the Director of the Division of Enforcement to disclose information that could reasonably be expected to reveal the identity of a whistleblower ("whistleblower identifying information") to those persons to whom disclosure may be made without loss of confidentiality under the whistleblower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act").

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth H. Hall, Assistant Chief Counsel, 202 551-4936, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 922 of the Dodd-Frank Act, Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376, 1841 (2010), added Section 21F to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78u-6, which creates a new program authorizing the Commission to make monetary awards to whistleblowers who provide the Commission with "original information" that leads to the successful enforcement of a "covered judicial or administrative action" or a "related action," as those terms are defined in Section 21F(a), 15 U.S.C. 78u-6(a). Awards may be paid in connection with original information concerning any violation of the federal securities laws, and may range from 10 to 30 percent of the amounts collected as monetary sanctions imposed in the covered judicial or administrative action brought by the Commission or in related actions brought by other entities identified in the statute.

To protect the identity of whistleblowers, Section 21F(h)(2)(A), 15 U.S.C. 78u-6(h)(2)(A) provides that,

except as otherwise permitted by that subsection, the Commission “shall not disclose any information, including information provided by a whistleblower to the Commission, which could reasonably be expected to reveal the identity of a whistleblower.” Such information may be disclosed by the Commission under Section 21F(h)(2)(A) to those entities identified in Section 21F(h)(2)(D)(i), 15 U.S.C. 78u-6(h)(2)(D)(i), “when necessary to accomplish the purposes of [the Securities Exchange Act] and to protect investors.” Otherwise, such information may be disclosed by the Commission only in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, “unless and until required to be disclosed to a defendant or respondent in connection with a public proceeding instituted by the Commission or any entity described in [Section 21F(h)(2)(D)(i)].”

Whistleblower identifying information may be disclosed by the Commission to the following entities listed in Section 21F(h)(2)(D)(i): The Attorney General of the United States; an appropriate regulatory authority; a self-regulatory organization; a State attorney general in connection with any criminal investigation; any appropriate State regulatory authority; the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; a foreign securities authority; or a foreign law enforcement authority. Domestic entities to which the Commission discloses such information “shall maintain such information as confidential in accordance with the requirements established under [Section 21F(h)(2)(A)].” Section 21F(h)(2)(D)(ii)(I), 15 U.S.C. 78u-6(h)(2)(D)(ii)(I). Foreign securities authorities and foreign law enforcement authorities to which the Commission discloses such information “shall maintain such information in accordance with such assurances of confidentiality as the Commission determines appropriate.” Section 21F(h)(2)(D)(ii)(II), 15 U.S.C. 78u-6(h)(2)(D)(ii)(II).

The Commission is delegating authority to the Director of the Division of Enforcement to disclose whistleblower identifying information to the entities described in Section 21F(h)(2)(D), in accordance with the restrictions of Section 21F(h)(2)(A) and (D). The delegation will increase investor protection by facilitating administration of the whistleblower award program and the investigations and actions by those agencies and authorities that may receive whistleblower identifying information pursuant to this delegation.

Administrative Law Matters

The Commission finds, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(A)), that this amendment relates solely to agency organization, procedure, or practice and does not relate to a substantive rule. Accordingly, the provisions of the APA regarding notice of the proposed rulemaking, opportunities for public participation, and publication of the amendment prior to its effective date, 5 U.S.C. 553, are not applicable. For the same reason, and because this amendment does not substantively affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties, the provisions of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C), are not applicable. Additionally, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which apply only when notice and comment are required by the APA or other law, 5 U.S.C. 603, are not applicable. Further, because the amendment imposes no new burdens on parties in investigations, the Commission does not believe it will have any anti-competitive effects for purposes of Section 23(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78w(a)(2). Finally, this amendment does not contain any collection of information requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended. Accordingly, the amendment is effective July 7, 2011.

List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 200

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (Government agencies).

Text of Amendment

For the reasons set out in the preamble, Title 17, Chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 200—ORGANIZATION; CONDUCT AND ETHICS; AND INFORMATION AND REQUESTS

- 1. The authority citation for part 200, subpart A, continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77o, 77s, 77sss, 78d, 78d-1, 78d-2, 78w, 78ll(d), 78mm, 80a-37, 80b-11, and 7202, unless otherwise noted.
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- 2. Section 200.30-4 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(16) to read as follows:

§ 200.30-4 Delegation of authority to Director of Division of Enforcement.

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(a) * * *

(16) To disclose information, in accordance with Section 21F(h)(2) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u-6(h)(2)), that would reveal, or could reasonably be expected to reveal, the identity of a whistleblower.

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By the Commission.

Dated: June 30, 2011.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

19 CFR Part 351

[Docket No. 0612243022-1049-01]

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Interim Final Rule on Certification of Factual Information To Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Reopening of Rebuttal Comment Period

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of rebuttal comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is reopening the public comment period for the submission of rebuttal comments on the Interim Final Rule on Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings due to recent technical difficulties with filing comments on the Federal eRulemaking Portal (“Portal”).

DATES: The submission period for public rebuttal comments is reopened through July 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All rebuttal comments must be submitted through the Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. ITA-2010-0007, unless the commenter does not have access to the Internet. Commenters who do not have access to the Internet may submit the original and two copies of each set of comments by mail or hand delivery/courier. All rebuttal comments should refer to RIN 0625-AA66 and should be addressed to Ronald K. Lorentzen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Room 1870, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Department will consider all rebuttal comments received before the close of the reopened comment period.