

CLOSE AND LOCK NOSE BAGGAGE DOOR BEFORE FLIGHT

1. CLOSE DOOR FULLY AGAINST DOOR FRAME
2. PRESS DOOR HANDLE FLUSH WITH SKIN,
AND ROTATE KEY INTO LOCKED POSITION
3. REMOVE KEY
4. PUSH ON FORWARD END OF DOOR HANDLE,
TO CONFIRM THAT HANDLE IS LOCKED AND
SECURE

Figure 1 – Nose Baggage Door Placard.

(g) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(3) AMOCs approved for AD 2009–13–06, amendment 39–15944 (74 FR 29118, June 19, 2009) are approved as AMOCs for this AD. The format has been revised and certain paragraphs have been rearranged since AD 2009–13–06 was issued, including changes to paragraph identifiers in this AD. Previous AMOCs may refer to particular paragraph identifiers from the original AD, however, the corresponding actions of the AMOC in the revised AD still apply even though the identifiers have changed.

(h) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Gregory K. Noles, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Atlanta ACO, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337; telephone: (404) 474–5551; fax: (404) 474–5606; e-mail: gregory.noles@faa.gov.

(i) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) You must use Piper Aircraft, Inc. Mandatory Service Bulletin No. 1194A, dated

November 10, 2008, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 on July 24, 2009 (74 FR 29118, June 19, 2009).

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Piper Aircraft, Inc., 2926 Piper Drive, Vero Beach, Florida 32960; telephone: (772) 567–4361; fax: (772) 978–6573; Internet: <http://www.newpiper.com/company/publications.asp>.

(3) You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–3768.

(4) You may also review copies of the service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at an NARA facility, call 202–741–6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html.

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Wes Ryan,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 200, 201, and 204

[Release No. 34–65385]

Consolidation of the Office of the Executive Director With the Office of the Chief Operating Officer

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is amending its rules to reflect the consolidation of the Office of the Executive Director with the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, including amendments to replace references to the Executive Director with references to the Chief Operating Officer.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 29, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Heslop, Chief Operating Officer, at (202) 551–2105, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

Until recently, the support functions of the Commission were allocated primarily to the Office of the Executive Director (“OED”). In 2010, however, the Commission established the Office of

the Chief Operating Officer (“OCOO”) and allocated some support and administrative functions to OCOO. Then, on April 19, 2011, the Commission approved the consolidation of the OED with the OCOO in an effort to streamline the organizational structure of the agency and add clarity and efficiency to the functions of the Chief Operating Officer.

These amendments harmonize the Commission’s rules with the consolidation already approved by replacing references to the Executive Director with references to the Chief Operating Officer. These include references to the Executive Director in rules describing the responsibilities of the Executive Director and officers serving under the Executive Director; rules delegating authority to the Executive Director and officers serving under the Executive Director; and rules relating to the classification and declassification of national security information and material. As a result of these amendments, these rules now will apply to the Chief Operating Officer and officers serving under the Chief Operating Officer, as applicable.

The amendments also make conforming changes to Commission rules relating to the offices that report to the OCOO. They amend provisions relating to the Office of the Comptroller to reflect that this office is now known as the Office of Financial Management and headed by the Chief Financial Officer. They amend provisions relating to the Office of Administrative and Personnel Management to reflect that the functions of this office are now performed by the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Administrative Services. They amend provisions relating to the former Office of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Operations to reflect that this Office is now known as the Office of FOIA, Records Management, and Security. And, they remove a reference to the Office of Filings and Information Services, to reflect that this Office no longer exists.

Finally, the amendments would remove from the description of the functions of the COO (previously the description of the functions of the Executive Director) the functions of prescribing procurement regulations, entering into contracts, designating contracting officers, and making procurement determinations. We believe it is appropriate to retain for the Chairman the flexibility to designate the person or persons who shall perform these functions, rather than to specify by rule that these functions are allocated to the COO.

II. Related Matters

A. Administrative Procedure Act and Other Administrative Laws

The Commission has determined that these amendments to its rules relate solely to the agency’s organization, procedure, or practice. Accordingly, the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act regarding notice of proposed rulemaking and opportunity for public participation are not applicable.¹ The Regulatory Flexibility Act, therefore, does not apply.² Because these rules relate solely to the agency’s organization, procedure, or practice and do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties, they are not subject to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.³ Finally, these amendments do not contain any collection of information requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended.⁴

B. Cost-Benefit Analysis

The Commission is sensitive to the costs and benefits imposed by its rules. The amendments adopted today are procedural in nature and will produce the benefit of facilitating the efficient operation of the Commission. The Commission also believes that these rules will not impose any costs on non-agency parties, or that if there are any such costs, they are negligible.

C. Consideration of Burden on Competition

Section 23(a)(2) of the Exchange Act requires the Commission, in making rules pursuant to any provision of the Exchange Act, to consider among other matters the impact any such rule would have on competition. The Commission does not believe that the amendments that the Commission is adopting today will have any impact on competition because they impose no new burden upon market participants and are intended to facilitate the efficient operation of the Commission.

Statutory Authority

The amendments to the Commission’s rules are adopted pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 77o, 77s, 77sss, 77d, 78d–1, 78d–2, 78w, 78ll(d), 78mm, 80a–37, 80b–11, and 7202.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 553(b).

² 5 U.S.C. 601–612.

³ 5 U.S.C. 804.

⁴ 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

List of Subjects

17 CFR Part 200

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

17 CFR Part 201

Administrative practice and procedure, Brokers, Claims, Confidential business information, Equal access to justice, lawyers, Penalties, Securities.

17 CFR Part 204

Claims, Government employees, Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Text of Amendments

In accordance with the preamble, the Commission hereby amends Title 17, Chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

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

Subpart A—Organization and Program Management

■ 1–2. The authority citation for Part 200, Subpart A, continues to read, in part, as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77o, 77s, 77sss, 77d, 78d–1, 78d–2, 78w, 78ll(d), 78mm, 80a–37, 80b–11, and 7202, unless otherwise noted.

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■ 3. In 17 CFR Part 200, remove the words “Executive Director” and add, in their place, the words “Chief Operating Officer” in the following places:

- a. Section 200.13, heading and paragraphs (a) introductory text, (b), and (c);
- b. Section 200.17, introductory text;
- c. Section 200.21(a);
- d. Section 200.30–3(a)(80);
- e. Section 200.30–15, heading and text;
- f. Section 200.503, introductory text and paragraph (a);
- g. Section 200.504, introductory text;
- h. Section 200.505(c);
- i. Section 200.508(a);
- j. Section 200.510(a); and
- k. Section 200.511(a).

§ 200.13 [Amended]

■ 4. In § 200.13:

- a. In paragraph (a), remove the phrase “the Office of Administrative and Personnel Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Office of Filings and Information Services, the Office of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Operations” and add, in its place, the

phrase “the Office of Human Resources, the Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Financial Management, the Office of FOIA, Records Management, and Security”;

■ b. In paragraph (c), remove the phrase “, prescribes procurement regulations, enters into contracts, designates contracting officers, and makes procurement determinations” and add a period after the word “payments”.

■ c. In paragraph (d), remove the phrase “As the Chief Operating Officer of the Commission, the Executive Director” and add, in its place, the phrase “The Chief Operating Officer”;

§ 200.20c [Removed]

■ 5. Remove § 200.20c.

§ 200.21 [Amended]

■ 6. In § 200.21(a), remove the words “Office of Administrative and Personnel Management” and add, in their place, the words “Office of Human Resources”.

§ 200.24 [Amended]

■ 7. In § 200.24:

■ a. Remove the words “Office of the Comptroller” in the heading and add, in their place, the words “Office of Financial Management”;

■ b. Remove the words “Associate Executive Director of the Office of the Comptroller” and add, in their place, the words “Chief Financial Officer”; and

■ c. Remove the words “Executive Director” and add, in their place, the words “Chief Operating Officer”;

§ 200.25 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 8. Remove and reserve § 200.25.

§ 200.30–13 [Amended]

■ 9. In § 200.30–13 remove the words “Associate Executive Director of the Office of Financial Management” in the heading and introductory text and add, in their place, the words “Chief Financial Officer”.

Subpart J—Classification and Declassification of National Security Information and Material

■ 10a. The authority citation for Part 200, Subpart J, is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77s; 11 U.S.C. 901, 1109(a); E.O. 12356, 47 FR 14874, Apr. 6, 1982; Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1 (47 FR 27836, June 25, 1982).

§ 200.503 [Amended]

■ 10b. In § 200.503, remove the authority citation following Section 503(b).

PART 201—RULES OF PRACTICE

■ 11. The authority citation for Part 201 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77s, 77sss, 78w, 78x, 80a–37, and 80b–11; 5 U.S.C. 504(c)(1).

Sections 201.700 and 201.701 are also issued under sec. 916, Pub. L. 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376.

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§ 201.59 [Amended]

■ 12. In § 201.59, remove the word “Comptroller” and add, in its place, the words “Chief Financial Officer”.

PART 204—RULES RELATING TO DEBT COLLECTION

Subpart B

■ 13. The authority citation for Part 204, Subpart B, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5514, 5 CFR 550.1104.

§ 204.32 [Amended]

■ 14. In § 204.32, in the definition of *Program Official*, remove the word “Comptroller” and add, in its place, the words “Chief Financial Officer”.

§ 204.34 [Amended]

■ 15. In § 204.34(d), remove the words “Comptroller’s office” and add, in their place, the words “Office of Financial Management”.

Dated: September 23, 2011.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 217

RIN 3220–AB64

Application for Annuity or Lump Sum

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) amends its regulations to allow alternative signature methods in addition to the traditional pen-and-ink or “wet” signature in order to implement an electronic application process which will eventually eliminate the need to retain paper applications and make the application process more convenient for the individuals filing applications.

DATES: This rule will be effective September 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Martha P. Rico, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board,

844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marguerite P. Dadabo, Assistant General Counsel, (312) 751–4945, TTD (312) 751–4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5(b) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) [45 U.S.C. 231d(b)] provides that an application for any payment under the Act “shall be made and filed in such manner and form as the Board may prescribe * * *”. Currently, Part 217 of the Board’s regulations, which sets out the rules governing applications made under the RRA, anticipates that an application will include a signature on paper, even where the application itself may be completed electronically.

In order to provide better service to our customers, the Board amends § 217.17 of its regulations in order to allow signature alternatives to the traditional pen-and-ink (“wet”) signature. The Board changes the current title of § 217.17, “Who may sign an application” to “What is an acceptable signature” and adds a new subsection (f) to describe what may be considered to be an acceptable signature. The amendment adds two different types of acceptable signatures.

The first alternate method of signature that the amendment to § 217.17 allows is the use of a personal identification number (PIN) assigned by the agency. The second alternate method is referred to as an “alternative signature” or “signature proxy.” The purpose of this amendment is to allow signature by attestation. Attestation refers to an action taken by an employee of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to confirm and annotate the RRB records of (1) An applicant’s intent to file or complete an application or related form, (2) the applicant’s affirmation under penalty of perjury that the information is correct, and (3) the applicant’s agreement to sign the application or related form. The Board expects that use of attestation to take RRA applications over the telephone will increase efficiency and be more convenient for RRB customers.

Before deciding to propose this amendment, the Board’s Office of Programs obtained information about alternative signature methods used by the Social Security Administration (SSA), since it administers a retirement and disability program comparable to the Board’s programs under the Railroad Retirement Act. The Office of Programs also compared the current RRB application taking process with a process using attestation to identify the differences and determine how those