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Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Withdrawal of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Under the authority of 26 U.S.C. 7805, the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-138344-13) that was published in the **Federal Register** on September 17, 2015 (80 FR 55802) is withdrawn.

Karen M. Schiller,

Acting Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**41 CFR Parts 300-3, 301-11, 301-12, and 301-70**

[FTR Case 2015-304; Docket 2015-0017, Sequence 1]

RIN 3090-AJ56

Federal Travel Regulation; Updating the Incidental Expenses Definition and the Laundry, Cleaning, and Pressing of Clothing Policy

AGENCY: Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: GSA is proposing to amend the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) by updating the definition for incidental expenses to include ATM fees, and by clarifying the policy for laundry, cleaning, and pressing of clothing.

DATES: Interested parties should submit comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addresses shown below on or before March 8, 2016 to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by FTR Case 2015-304 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “FTR Case 2015-304.” Select the link “Comment Now” that corresponds with “FTR Case 2015-304” and follow the instructions provided at the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “FTR Case 2015-304” on your attached document.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), Attn. Ms. Flowers, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite “FTR Case 2015-304”, in

all correspondence related to this case. All comments will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Mr. Cy Greenidge, Program Analyst, Office of Government-wide Policy, at 202-219-2349. Contact the Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, 202-501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. Please cite FTR case 2015-304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The FTR currently lists incidental expenses as fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, and staff on ships. Including ATM fees in incidental expenses, rather than reimbursing as a miscellaneous expense, will increase the Government’s ability to project travel costs, improve cost control, and simplify rules of official travel. Additionally, this proposed rule removes the ambiguity on whether reimbursement of expenses for laundry, cleaning, and pressing of clothing for employees who go on official travel are subject to agency discretion.

B. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives, and if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action, and therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* This proposed rule is also exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2) because it applies to agency management or personnel.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the proposed changes to the FTR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

E. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This proposed rule is also exempt from Congressional review prescribed under 5 U.S.C. 801. This proposed rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Parts 300-3, 301-11, 301-12 and 301-70

Administrative practices and procedures, Government employees, Travel and transportation expenses.

Dated: December 7, 2015.

Giancarlo Brizzi,

Acting Associate Administrator (M), Office of Government-wide Policy.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5701-5711, GSA proposes to amend 41 CFR parts 300-3, 301-11, 301-12, and 301-70 as set forth below:

PART 300-3—GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- 1. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 300-3 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707; 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 49 U.S.C. 40118; 5 U.S.C. 5738; 5 U.S.C. 5741-5742; 20 U.S.C. 905(a); 31 U.S.C. 1353; E.O. 11609, as amended, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp. p. 586, Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-126, revised May 22, 1992.

- 2. Amend § 300-3.1 in the definition “Per diem allowance” by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 300-3.1 What do the following terms mean?

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Per diem allowance * * *

(c) *Incidental expenses*—Transaction fees for ATM services, and fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, and staff on ships.

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PART 301-11—PER DIEM EXPENSES

- 3. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 301-11 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

- 4. Amend § 301-11.31 by removing the first two sentences and adding one

sentence in their place to read as follows:

§ 301–11.31 Are laundry, cleaning, and pressing of clothing expenses reimbursable?

Your agency may reimburse the expenses incurred for laundry, cleaning, and pressing of clothing as a miscellaneous travel expense for TDY within CONUS. * * *

PART 301–12—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

- 5. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 301–12 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301–12.1 [Amended]

- 6. Amend § 301–12.1 by removing from the second column titled “Fees to obtain money” the words “Transaction fees for use of automated teller machines (ATMs)—Government contractor-issued charge card”.

PART 301–70—INTERNAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS

- 7. The authority citation for 41 CFR part 301–70 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707; 40 U.S.C. 121(c); Sec. 2, Pub. L. 105–264, 112 Stat. 2350 (5 U.S.C. 5701, note), OMB Circular No. A–126, revised May 22, 1992, and OMB Circular No. A–123, Appendix B, revised January 15, 2009.

- 8. Amend § 301–70.200 by—
 - a. Removing from paragraph (f) the “cases and” and adding “cases” in its place;
 - b. Removing from paragraph (g) the period after the citation “§ 301–11.18(c)” and adding “; and” in its place; and
 - c. Adding paragraph (h) to read as follows:

§ 301–70.200 What governing policies must we establish for authorization and payment of per diem expenses?

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(h) Who will determine, and in what instances, an employee will be separately reimbursed for transaction fees for use of automated teller machines (ATMs) when using the Government contractor-issued charge card, even though this expense is part of incidental expenses under per diem.

- 9. Amend § 301–70.301 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 301–70.301 What governing policies must we establish for payment of miscellaneous expenses?

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(c) Who will determine if other miscellaneous expenses such as expenses for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing are appropriate for reimbursement in connection with official travel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

42 CFR Part 100

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National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document announces a public hearing to receive information and views on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled “National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table.”

DATES: January 14, 2016, from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: 5600 Fishers Lane, Conference Room 08SWH01, Rockville, Maryland 20857 (and via audio conference call and Adobe Connect).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Melissa Houston, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, at 855–266–2427 or by email at ahouston@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary proposes to amend the Vaccine Injury Table (Table) by regulation. These proposed regulations will have effect only for petitions for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) filed after the final regulations become effective. The Secretary is seeking public comment on the proposed revisions to the Table.

The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register**, July 29, 2015, 80 FR 45132, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-29/pdf/2015-17503.pdf>. The public comment period closes on January 26, 2016.

A public hearing will be held within the 180-day public comment period. This hearing is to provide an open forum for the presentation of information and views concerning all aspects of the NPRM by interested persons.

In preparing a final regulation, the Secretary will consider the administrative record of this hearing

along with all other written comments received during the comment period specified in the NPRM. Individuals or representatives of interested organizations are invited to participate in the public hearing in accordance with the schedule and procedures set forth below.

The presiding officer representing the Secretary, HHS will be Dr. Melissa Houston, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Healthcare Systems Bureau (HSB), Health Resources and Services Administration.

Persons who wish to participate are requested to file a notice of participation with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on or before January 11, 2016. The notice should be mailed to Annie Herzog, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, HSB, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Room 08N146B, Maryland 20857 or emailed to aherzog@hrsa.gov. To ensure timely handling, any outer envelope or the subject line of an email should be clearly marked “DICP NPRM Hearing.” The notice of participation should contain the interested person’s name, address, email address, telephone number, any business or organizational affiliation of the person desiring to make a presentation, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. Groups that have similar interests should consolidate their comments as part of one presentation. Time available for the hearing will be allocated among the persons who properly file notices of participation. If time permits, interested parties attending the hearing who did not submit notice of participation in advance will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the conclusion of the hearing.

Persons who find that there is insufficient time to submit the required information in writing may give oral notice of participation by contacting Annie Herzog, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, at (301) 443–6634 or email at aherzog@hrsa.gov, no later than January 11, 2016.

After reviewing the notices of participation and accompanying information, HHS will schedule each appearance and notify each participant by mail, email, or telephone of the time allotted to the person(s) and the approximate time the person’s oral presentation is scheduled to begin.

Written comments and transcripts of the hearing will be made available for public inspection as soon as they have been prepared, on weekdays (federal holidays excepted) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EDT) by contacting Annie Herzog by mail at